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From the President - Gerry Pfirsch



Well! everyone here we are on the doorstep of Campvention! It will be great to see you there and is a good feeling to be able to have Campvention this year. It comes with some sorrow as our family from Canada will not be able to cross the border and join us again this year. It is my hope that we will be able to live stream some of Campvention this year for them to join us electronically again this year. It is great to see that we are still receiving registrations each day. Many of us are preparing the rig and getting ready. To those of you that can go I will see you there. And to those that are not able to come this year I will plan to see you at the next one. I sincerely look forward to seeing our camping

family each year.

I will see you at Campvention!

Gerry

IN CASE OF A WEATHER EMERGENCY BUNKER DOWN AT THE NEAREST BRICK RESTROOM

SOME CAMPVENTION INFORMATION

Walworth County Fairgrounds 411 East Court St Elkhorn WI 53121 fairgrounds phone 262-581-1351 Carl and Sue Fromholzer Campvention Registration Chairman

Parking - will be hobo style by state/province. If you want to camp together then please arrive together

First Timers - We are delighted to have a group of first timers. Please attend a welcome meeting on Monday July 12th at 10am in the Wiswell building.

Hospitalities - When you see a hospitality listed in your program book, it means everyone is invited. The folks putting on a hospitality are just saying thanks for coming and want to give you a small snack or gift.

Family Fun Day - Please plan on attending the Family Fun Day on Monday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM outside the North entrance of the 4H Pavilion building. Teens will be selling hot dogs for a donation. There will be lots of activities going on including the adult vs teen soft-ball game. Bring your chair so you will be available to just sit and watch.

Band - If you play an instrument then bring it to Campvention and be part of the FCRV Band. The first practice will be held on Monday at 8:00 AM in grassy area behind the Country Store. You will perform on Wednesday at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Choir - We need folks to sing in the choir for church. The first practice is at 3:PM Saturday afternoon and at 4:30 on Sunday afternoon. Sign up will be at central registration.



61st INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

FAMILY CAMPERS & RVER'S

"WANDER WISCONSIN"

Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

Campvention Days: July 11-16, 2021 fees cover
(6 nights)



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Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems 9:00-10:00 AM, Monday Wiswel Building
Tire Mender will present information on tire pressure monitoring systems

Dance Lessons – Single Step Swing 3:30-5:00 PM, Monday Country Store
Lessons on how to do basic hustle dance moves by Ray Suennen

SkyMed Travel Insurance 9:00-10:00 AM, Tuesday Wiswel Building
SkyMed will discuss the features and benefits of their travel insurance plans.
Doughnuts and coffee will be provided.

Cast Iron Cooking 2:00-3:30 PM, Tuesday 4H Pavilion
Cooking with cast iron Dutch Ovens using charcoal by Ray Suennen

Meat – Raising, Processing & Products 9:00-10:00 AM, Wednesday Wiswel Building
Two Creek Farms will discuss their operations and different meat products

High School Tour 10:30-11:30 AM, Wednesday High School
Tour the greenhouse, agriculture lab, tool & die shop, auto shop, welding lab,
Athletic & fitness center and 60 yard indoor football field in this modern school.
Meet at the high school at 8:50 AM

Downtown Square Tour 9:00-9:50 AM, Thursday Elkhorn Library
Guided tour of the downtown square of Elkhorn explain the uniqueness of each
Building. Meet at the library at 101 N Wisconsin Street at 8:50 AM

New Member Incentives 10:00-11:00 AM, Thursday Wiswel Building
Matt Mantia will discuss FCRV's new member incentives

Travel-Along Program / Reunion 4:00-5:00 PM, Thursday Wiswel Building
Barb and Jim Turner will discuss the Travel-along Program and come meet prior
Travel-Along participants.

Cleaning, Seasoning & Salvaging Cast iron Cookware 1:30-2:30 PM, Friday 4H Pavilion
Understanding how to clean and care for cast iron pots and pans by Ray Suennen. Bring
your prize or rusty pans for show and tell.

Civil War – Historical Show & Tell 2:45-4:00 PM, Friday Wiswel Building
Shannon and Jim Munns will have an interactive discussion about Civil War life.
Bring your Civil War items for show and tell.

ADDITIONAL CAMPVENTION INFO



FCRV Choir Members Wanted for the church service at Campvention! The first rehearsal will be Saturday July 10 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. (FYI -Opening Ceremony Flag Practice will follow choir practice at 4 PM.) The church service will be at 5:30 PM on Sunday July 11 prior to the campvention opening ceremonies. The FCRV choir has been a tradition for many years. We want to continue the group in Elkhorn. Anyone who is willing 'to make a joyful noise' is welcome. The music will be familiar hymns - 'Sweet Hour of Prayer', 'Precious Moments', and 'Here I Am, Lord'. There will be a sign-up sheet at central registration. You can also email Barb Turner at turnerfcrv@yahoo.com. Also, choir members.....Kip Cushing will be inviting us to perform as a group at the variety show on Thursday evening. He has some fun ideas. He'd like a couple of guitarists to accompany the choir at the variety show.



A Variety Show is planned for Thursday night at Campvention. Jan Cushing will have a sign-up sheet at central registration. Plan ahead for this fun evening.



Golfers: Jim Turner (turnerfcrv@yahoo.com) is looking for golfers for the outing on Tuesday morning at Campvention! He will be in central registration with his sign-up sheet and information.

From Kip & Jan Cushing: The campgrounds at fairgrounds are open over 4th. There may be horses on one end. They will be hosting the Professional Championship Bull riders, including barrel racing, at the horse show as well as the Professional Bull Fighters July 2-3 at 7:30. If anyone leaves early and is concerned about a place to stay on 4th, it's open. They could start touring Wisconsin early before CV. They might not get on their site for Campvention, but they could go dump and relocate to their site when the campvention sites are available.

FCRVers are gathering again after 2 years! Join our FCRV family in Elkhorn soon! Safe travels.

PROTECTING YOUR FEET

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

When this organization was organized back in 1949, it was called the National Campers and Hikers Association, and about 25 years ago the name was changed to the Family Campers and RVers. This is important to review as we explore the title of this article. Some individuals associated our camping organization with hiking. This was only partially true as some did hike while others took on other educational adventures. So, let's look at the hiking aspect, in an effort to protect our "feet". When was the last time you really thought about protecting your feet? Why is this important? So, let us look at this topic more closely. The old saying goes, shoes can make a person, so you need to protect your feet all the time. What you may ask?

What type of shoes do you wear and are they right for the occasion? For example, when was the last time you put on a pair of flip-flops and went outside to cut the grass? How dangerous is this-you may lose a few toes in the process. The best shoes to wear for safely to complete this task-is steel toed shoes, or at least a heavy shoe or boot. Protect your feet from the mower blade, it can be dangerous and could cause injury if the mower is rolled back over your foot. Flip flops are not adequate footwear for yard work, (mowing the lawn for example) they are best to wear at the beach



Ladies, to avoid twisting your ankle, and if you are unsteady and sometimes lose your balance, very tall high heels are not for you. They are also not very good for walking through the yard, or other places where the ground underneath is very soft-you may find yourself, falling very quickly as a result causing injuring to yourself. In this instance, a tennis shoe or other flat soul shoe is best.

Hiking-you need to wear a strong support shoe or boot that will support your foot as well as give protection to your feet as you hike along the uneven land. Sometimes, while hiking especially under hilly and rocky conditions a good boot offers the better protection rather than a tennis shoe.

For some occupations various types of shoes are part of the required dress code for that specific business. Many warehouses, and building supply establishments require that all employees wear steel toe shoes. Why, to protect your feet from injury.

"According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety footwear is essential for workers who facer risk of injury from rolling, penetrating or crushing objects. The shoes are also necessary for workers in the vicinity of hot poisonous or corrosive materials as well as for those exposed to electrical hazards. And also consider the following: "Required-Safety shoes are required where potential for serious injury to the foot may result from an employee's daily job duties." (OSHA)



Going to the beach for a day of fun filled activities, a study "crock" type of shoe or a light tennis shoe is adequate. Remember you can burn your feet on the hot sand, or boardwalk. Here too, remember to protect your feet. A cheap pair of flip flops will not provide adequate foot support or protect the toes from injury. A well build, supportive sand shoe is best for this application.

This article's total intent is to help you think about protecting your feet from unnecessary harm because of carelessness. Many times one just slips on their shoes and is out the door doing who knows what. Then you find yourself in some type of harm because you did not think about proper footwear. It is fully understood that other ailments can cause or be the result of foot problems but wearing the proper foot wear will help reduce your chances of injury and harm to your feet and ankles. Always remember what will be your surrounds once you have exited your home. Additional food for through, when driving the car, wear some type of solid foot wear. Flip flops are not the safest foot covering when driving. Your foot can slip, or get tangled between the pedals of the vehicle with



the flip flops and thus making stopping a danger to all. Think-ahead, plan ahead, and wear footwear appropriate for your activity or destination. Remember you only have two feet-protect them.

Source:

Occupational Safety and Health Standards

<http://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.136>

THINGS TO BRING TO CAMPVENTION

Food Donations - We are gathering non-perishable food items and/or cash to donate to a food pantry in Elkhorn. Please do your part to help this community. Check at the information table for directions to drop off your items.



Aluminum Tabs - For many years FCRV members have saved aluminum tabs and brought them to Campvention. They will be weighed and then taken to the Ronald McDonald House where they have their own processing. . The tabs can be turned in starting on Sun 10am to 12pm in BARN A. Check your schedule for other times and places. Cash donations are always accepted.

Wildlife Silent Auction Donations - We will be glad to accept any new items for the auction whether small or large and any items made by our members. You can start bringing items in on Sunday and we will accept them through Wednesday. Bidding will be over at 12:00 noon Thursday and items need to be picked up by 2:00 PM that day.

Wildlife Birdhouse Contest – There are two categories for bird houses: 1. A bird house that can be used by birds in your yard. 2. A bird house that you would use in your home or campsite as a decoration.



The bird house must be made not purchased. It can be a chapter, family, or individual project. Please indicate which category you are entering, put your name on the project and whether an adult or child is entering the project. You can have your bird house back

or donate the house to Wildlife for the silent auction. Bring bird houses to the commercial area on Sunday or Monday morning.

Wildlife Photo Contest This is an amateur photo contest: Everyone can submit two photos. Three age groups: 1. Ages 7 through 13 (first prize \$15) 2. Ages 14 through 19 - (first prize \$20) 3. Ages 20 and over (first prize \$25) No domesticated animals i.e., dogs, cats, birds (pets) Pictures must be of wildlife in their

natural habitat - not in a zoo. Pictures must be taken within the last year (July 2020- July 2021). Photos must be no smaller than a standard 4x6 photo and no larger than an 8x10 on regular photo paper. On the back of the picture print your name, when and where the picture was taken, and age group. Register photos in the commercial area on Sunday or Monday morning.



TEEN AND YOUTH - THINGS TO BRING AND THINGS TO KNOW

Name Badges, Wrist bands & Teen Card - Everyone needs to wear a name badge or identification. Parents of youth need to bring a current photo along with the following when registering on Monday at Family Fun Day. Youth full name, parents name, home state/province and your campsite number. Youth will receive a wrist band to wear at all activities. Teens must bring a recent picture and proof of age. Parents can also verify your age and membership status. Teens must always have their teen card on their possession. Teens need to register on Sunday at 9pm in the Wiswell Bldg.

Teen Dress Code for Teen Ball - Girls: Dresses, evening gowns, pantsuits, skirts (mid-thigh length) and dress shoes or newer/clean tied athletic shoes. **Boys:** Suits, tuxedos, sports jackets, dress shirts and ties, slacks, dress shoes, dress boots or newer/clean tied athletic shoes. Not Acceptable: Bare midriffs, mini-skirts, shorts or short shorts, t-shirts, tube or tank tops, blue denim jeans or sloppy dirty untied shoes

Teen/Adult softball game - Please bring your gloves, balls, and bat. This will take place during family fun day, Monday 10am to 11pm.





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Milestones



Congratulations to Jim & Beverly Merritt, IA - 66th wedding anniversary on May 29th



Congratulations to Keith & Elizabeth Howard, Ontario - 64th wedding anniversary on June 1st.



Richard and Idamarie Roberts, Nevada, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Saturday May 29th. Rich and Idamarie are Nevada State Directors and have been members of NCHA/FCRV since the mid-80's.

FCRV Activities

HAPPY GLAMPERS CHAPTER

Rose Stock reports that the Happy Glampers Chapter had a campout in Kentucky where they visited Noah's Arc. Chris Weiss said, "It was so nice to relax and enjoy one another's company. We laughed so much and tossed our stress and worries in the campfire and watched them burn."



INDIANA SPRING CAMPOUT



Miss FCRV Teen Queen Macey



Kids Activity



Adults enjoy a game



Enjoying a campfire

NEW YORK STATE CAMPOUT

Matt Mantia reports that everyone had a great time at the New York State Campout.



Memories

A REUNION, OF SORTS BUCK CREEK STATE PARK SITE OF CAMPVENTION 1983

By Barb Turner

On Father's Day weekend, a few of us, old NCHAers who helped turn abandoned farms/farmland into a site to hold Campvention 1983, enjoyed a weekend remembering, sharing, and catching up. We started the weekend with rain, just like we had so many weekends when we prepared the site. But on Saturday, the sun came out, bringing a wonderful time to gather around the campfire and enjoy being together again at that site.

As Allen Kiger, a former Ohio teen, said described the weekend on his Facebook post, "A great weekend with old friends! We grew up together and now are bringing our children to experience the adventures of camping. Looking forward to many more trips! Ironical that, in the early 80's, we helped build Buck Creek State Park campgrounds prior to a NCHA/FCRV campvention."

Back then other than the beach area at the lake, this was abandoned farms & farmland. The first time we saw it we were standing in the back of a pickup, and the weeds were taller than our heads. After three years of labor-intensive work by our Ohio members, in July 1983 we welcomed 3985 families to our NCHA Campvention. Dry camping. Dirt roads. What a time we had, and what wonderful memories. Following the event, the state was going to allow the area return to its wild state. A letter-writing campaign was started by our NCHA members. ODNr was overwhelmed! And, asked that the letters stop! They announced that a permanent campground would be built!! The campground was dedicated on July 24, 1987. Being here this weekend and seeing all of the RVs, reminds me of all the hard work back in the early 80s by so many volunteers that has resulted in outdoor pleasures for so many. Thank you, Ohio NCHA/FCRV.



Susan Pytel, Greg Gilbert, Allen Kiger, Debbie & Tom Buhl. Debbie & Tom's chapter, the West Milton Vagabonds, built the national teen queens float pulled by Clydesdales.



Campvention 1983

MEMBERS RECALL THEIR FAVORITE CAMPVENTION

A question on the FCRV Face Book page asked, “Which of the NCHA/FCRV Campventions that you attended left the best memories.

Belva Sackett said, “1992 Minnesota, lots of mosquitos but we worked our tails off and enjoyed every minute of it.”

Janis Parker said, “1987 Iowa was definitely a stand out. We needed a vacation when it was over. Also the Campvention on the mountain top in Colorado was simply amazing.”

Heddy M. Senecheck-Servant said, “2014 in Vermont. I just loved being in New England and had a blast with the Canadians.”

Paul Standiford said . “Duquoin, Illinois – Seven Together in 77.”

Craig Weber said, “1966, Kansas when I was a teen and walked a different girl home every night.” Richard Stobbart had the same comment for Ontario in 1979.

Dave Hennie said, “1967 at Prince Gallitzin State Park in PA where I met Linda Plummer who became my wife.”

Gerry Owens said, “1972 Camp Atterbury, Indiana with 7,482 families (largest CV on record) and Bowling Green, Kentucky 1984 with President Reagan.”

George White said, “I enjoyed sitting on a bench and talking with Founder, Hank Nathan.’

Henry Walton said, “I found all campers were good people. We enjoyed all the rallies and being a black camper, I never had a bad experience. Canada was always great. We miss not being able to camp.”

Parents of Miss FCRVs and Teen Kings - Shari Weber, Angie Weil Shaneyfelt, Kimberly Cash Lile, Rohnda Odell Oneal, and Michelle Demarest all said that their best one was when their teens received the crown.

Matthew Mitchell said, “I loved all the Campventions I attended since my first one in 1981 at Bloomsburg, PA with 4,445 families. I saw more campers than I had ever seen in one place. It’s true that when you’re in a big camping family you make lots of friends. I keep in touch with many pals I have met at Campventions over the years.

Perhaps Ivalee Vanderhoff summed up what several others also said, “ It’s too hard to choose a favorite Campvention because there are special memories with each one.”

You will find the rest of the comments and other interesting posts on the Family Campers &RVers Face Book page. Also check the website at www.fcrv.org



***Lee Greenwood
Campvention 1992***



Lasting Monument to NCHA



Prepping for Campvention



Mud, Mud, Mud



*We were all
there and share
these
memories!*



NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL



As more travelers are expected to hit the roads this summer, a destination that definitely should be on their GPS is the [National WWI Museum and Memorial](#) -- located in the heart of Kansas City, Missouri's vibrant cultural district.

Designed to appeal to guests of all ages, the Museum's collection of World War I objects and documents is the most comprehensive in the world and its exhibits feature interactive and immersive elements throughout, including the new experience [War Remains](#).

Now open to the public, *War Remains* is an immersive Virtual Reality experience that transports viewers to the Western Front of the First World War. Through stunning visual effects, powerfully designed sound and a custom set, guests feel the trench and experience the vibration of the floor as explosions surround them. You can catch a glimpse of the scene [here](#).



Aside from the Museum itself, its grounds are a not-to-be-missed stop for any road trip to Kansas City. With the 217-foot Liberty Tower – which is illuminated at night – overlooking its peaceful, park-like setting, the Museum's campus provides a green and stunning location for picnics, evening strolls and memorable vacation photos.

MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES \$250M PLAN TO MODERNIZE STATE PARKS

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Jun 11, 2021

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, in the shadow of the Mackinac Bridge from Straits State Park in St. Ignace, announced her plan for critical investments in state parks and trails so that public spaces across Michigan become a more attractive destination for tourism and position the state as a recreation leader, [according to a News & Insights report](#) by the RV Industry Association (RVIA).

The plan calls for a historic investment of \$250 million in federal relief dollars from President Biden's American Rescue Plan to be used for new investments in parks and trails and to address the backlog of park infrastructure projects, which will help support Michigan businesses and local economies.



“Tourism is vital to Michigan’s economy and to our overall economic health, and COVID disproportion-

ately harmed our tourism and hospitality sectors,” said Whitmer. “Investments in our public spaces make Michigan a more competitive and attractive destination for tourism, position us as a recreation leader, and are critical components of our seasonal and rural economies. This is a valuable use of our federal funds to help the communities who rely on tourism rebound from the public health crisis. Parks bring us together. They are equally beloved by all Michiganders, regardless of geography or income, race or class or politics.”

Tourism to Michigan parks generates value for surrounding communities, creates jobs, and sustains small businesses. On average, every \$1 invested in land conservation leads to \$4 in economic benefit. Investments in parks uplift communities and this will help Michigan continue to jumpstart the economy as the state emerges from the pandemic.

As people found creative ways to socially distance during the pandemic, the state saw a 30% increase in visitors to state parks and recreation areas. Michigan’s outdoor recreation industry supports billions in state GDP and sustains 126,000 jobs and over \$4.7 billion in wages and salaries in Michigan.

“As the number of visitors to Michigan’s 103 state parks has increased dramatically over the past couple of years, we’ve seen greater demands our park and trail infrastructure,” said Dan Eichinger, director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. “The funding announced by the Governor today will give our state parks a badly needed boost, while also aiding the state’s recovery through our natural resources and outdoor recreation tourism.”

Today’s announcement is a historic investment that will modernize parks and trails, improve access, and preserve them for generations to come. Funding will be used for projects that include upgrading water and sanitary systems, preserving historic structures, and installing and improving vital park infrastructure.

In 2012, a 16-member [Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel](#) reported seven core recommendations to then Gov. Rick Snyder, including a recommendation to invest in the safety and maintenance of, and access to, parks and recreation spaces. The panel believed implementing the recommendations would position Michigan to meet the needs of its citizens, visitors and communities throughout the 21st century. Today’s investment announced by Gov. Whitmer will make great gains toward Michigan realizing the vision of the state parks and outdoor recreation panel.

“We’ve seen an increase in men, women and families rediscovering their passion for the outdoors and turning to Carhartt for the gear they need,” said **Linda Hubbard**, President of Carhartt. “Additionally, when you consider that in Michigan alone, the outdoor recreation industry generates 126,000 direct jobs, we have the opportunity to outfit many of these hardworking individuals from head-to-toe in Carhartt, helping them get the job done.”

“Michigan has some of the best state parks in the country that support our outdoor way of life and contribute to our overall economy,” said **Bill Rustem**, former advisor to Governors Snyder and Milliken. “Governor Whitmer’s proposal will help to keep our state parks in pristine condition, while supporting tens of thousands of jobs in communities across the state.”

“Addressing the backlog of infrastructure needs within our State Parks has been a goal of many organizations for a number of years,” said Clay Summers, Executive Director of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. “This investment will not only help Michigan’s State Parks but in the long run, it will truly help all parks in the state. By meeting the needs of the State Parks, your local city, township, county and regional park systems will now be priority recipients of grant funding and other alternative sources. This is a huge win for all Michigan residents and will provide safe, accessible and inclusive park systems for all.”

KENDA AMERICANA TIRE & WHEEL SUPPORTS TRAILER SAFETY WEEK

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Jun 8, 2021



5 Driving Tips for Towing Safety

Inspect before you go with the pre-departure safety checklist.

- Check and correct tire pressure on the tow vehicle and trailer, including the spare tire.
- Make sure wheel lug nuts/bolts on the tow vehicle are tightened to the correct torque.
- Check that all items are securely fastened on and in the trailer.
- Make sure all running lights, brake lights, turn signals, and hazard lights are working.

Maintain your tires after use.

- Visually inspect your tires after use. Look for signs of irregularities, cracking or stress. This can mean you've outlived the life of your tires and it's time to replace them.
- Store your trailer properly, for example, if it sits in the hot sun, that could cause sun damage which could make your tires crack. Storing your trailer in the shade or covering the tires will help combat environmental damage to your tires.

Know the load capacity of your tires.

- Make sure the tires on your trailer meet or exceed load capacity. Check owner's manuals or placards for maximum limits.
- Load your trailer properly – weight distribution matters, a tail-heavy trailer could cause instability. At least 60% of your load should be toward the front.

Know the proper stopping distance.

- On trailer models with brakes installed, the combination will require a greater stopping distance with a trailer in tow than the tow vehicle requires while operating by itself.
- Even smaller trailers that do not require brakes will require longer stopping distances for the combination than the tow vehicle requires while operating by itself. Even with adequate trailer brakes, if applicable, the tow vehicle will still have a greater stopping distance with a trailer attached.
- It takes experience for drivers to become comfortable with the difference between the way their vehicle handles by itself, versus the way the vehicle handles while towing a trailer loaded with cargo.
- For following distances, a general rule of thumb is at least a 325-foot gap (about 5 seconds) between your vehicle and the vehicle or obstacle in front of you. Prolonged use of brakes can cause overheating and loss of brake effectiveness. Giving yourself ample space to respond should help prevent frequent and/or hard braking.

Respond to sway the right way.

- Gas off, brake off, steer straight and wait.
- DO NOT attempt to control sway by turning the steering wheel as it will only make the issue worse. If you have a brake controller, gently apply only the trailer brakes.

As warm weather brings more trailers out, following these tips are as essential for drivers as always maintaining focus while operating a motor vehicle to eliminate distractions. By taking the right measures, you can reduce any problems that could arise on the road.

For more driving tips and information on Trailer Safety Week, visit www.TrailerSafetyWeek.com or www.americanature.com.

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WHO ARE THE NEW RV BUYERS?

[David Guest](#) | May 28, 2021

The United States' [RV Industry Association \(RVIA\)](#) has commissioned a survey of new American buyers to discover who they are, what they're buying and their preferred destinations.

The results of the survey reveal what many have already suspected for some time about the new people coming into the RV hobby – they are younger (median age of around 41) with a breakdown of 38 per cent are millennials, 31 per cent are Gen X, 22 per cent boomers and 9 per cent Gen Z, and they are more diverse: 64 per cent white, 14 per cent black or African American, 6 per cent Asian, 9 per cent Hispanic and 7 per cent other ethnicities.



As well as revealing who these new RV buyers are, the study also created data about their spending habits. The average amount spent on an RV is US\$ 75,000 and 88 per cent of buyers purchased some kind of after-market accessory for their RV.

The motives for buying RVs were also interesting: 33 per cent wanted to travel in comfort, 33 per cent wanted to explore, 27 per cent were looking for an outdoors recreation basecamp, 22 per cent wanted the ability to work remotely and 17 per cent cited the ability to take online classes. Perhaps most interesting, just 16 per cent of new RV buyers cited restrictions on other travel due to COVID-19 as their reason for buying, blowing a hole in the theory that this is still the key driving force in the RV market boom.

The survey also revealed useful information about where new RV buyers like to travel and who with. The full findings can be found via the [RVIA's infographic](#).

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CORTES CAMPERS OFFICIALLY IN PRODUCTION WITH 17-FOOT MODEL

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Jun 8, 2021

EUCLID, Ohio, – Cortes Campers, a division of the US Lighting Group, Inc. (OTC:USLG), is officially open for business and is accepting \$2,500 deposits on a new 17-foot travel trailer with the balance due on delivery. The current delivery lead time for a 17-foot travel trailer is estimated at 6-8 weeks from the time an order is received, according to a press release.

"The U.S. Lighting Group and Cortes Campers are ecstatic to announce we are in production with our "no wood" 17-ft RV travel trailer. Cortes Campers RV travel trailers feature state-of-the-art molded biaxial fiberglass for strength, durability, and longevity, lasting more than twice as long as most RVs on the road today," said Paul Spivak, CEO of the US Lighting Group.



Mr. Spivak continues, "We are excited about the new exterior and interior designs that include double or twin bed nighttime floor plans for ease of sleeping for people of all ages. These luxurious travel trailers come fully equipped with high-end luxury Furrion appliances, not found in other campers of this size. Cortes Campers are approximately 50% lighter, much stronger, and smarter compared to anything currently in the marketplace."

The luxurious travel trailers and campers include additional storage space, windows, appliances, and the latest technology to monitor essential energy sources. Customers can choose from our color palette of marine gelcoat colors for both the interior and exterior for the 17-ft travel trailer. To complement Cortes Campers Direct Sales efforts, the company is establishing its own Dealer network of exclusive licensed distributors.

AN INFLATABLE OFFICE/BEDROOM POPS OUT OF COMPACT RV'S ROOF

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With pandemic restrictions lifting in several parts of the world, many are excited to get as far away from home as possible, leading to a renewed interest in recreation vehicles. As a result, the RV industry is starting to deliver some truly [luxurious homes on wheels](#), with amenities making them seem more like pricy hotel rooms than just an alternative to tents, [according to a report by Gizmodo](#).

Back in February, we stared in awe as a Chinese company [revealed an RV with an entire second floor](#) that automatically raised from the roof, accessible by a tiny elevator (that wasn't really that accessible) but only to

those willing to cough up over \$400,000. But with much of the world having adapted to working from home over the past year, we're starting to see another trend in RVs and camping trailers: the addition of office space. A few months ago Airstream debuted a [new floor plan option for its Flying Cloud 30FB trailer](#) that included a tiny office in a back corner, allowing vacationers to stay on top of work, or take their work from home experience to a more exotic locale, like the shores of an idyllic lake.



That's what the French-German RV maker is promising with its new [Bürstner Lyseo Gallery concept RV](#) that it's [planning to put into production](#) sometime in 2022. The main floor of the Lyseo Gallery features the usual amenities of a well-equipped RV, including a small dining area with a bench that wraps around the table, a kitchenette, and a spacious bathroom in the back.



Once the vehicle reaches its destination, at the push of a button a built-in air compressor comes to life and begins to inflate a series of wall chambers which lifts the roof area over the RV's cab to create a second-floor area that features a small desk so it can be used as a somewhat secluded office, as well as enough room for a mattress for sleeping. The inflatable walls make the conversion effortless, and also serve as excellent insulation.

The inflation process takes just 90 seconds, and sensors continually monitor the pressure in the walls and will automatically restart the air pump to ensure they remain fully inflated and

rigid so the roof never begins to sag. Bürstner also promises that should the wall's reinforced material be accidentally pierced, it's designed with a special structure featuring several chambers that ensure a leak isn't going to cause the roof to suddenly collapse on someone trying to clear out a few emails.

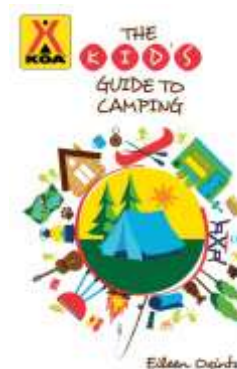
[Click here to read the full report by Gizmodo.](#)

KOA ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF 'THE KID'S GUIDE TO CAMPING'

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Jun 8, 2021

Kampgrounds of America, Inc. (KOA) has announced the release of *The Kid's Guide to Camping*. Written by award-winning author Eileen Ogintz, the book is a fun, fresh, interactive take on camping aimed directly at the newest generation of campers, according to a release.

Within this ultimate guide to camping, kids will discover the joys of RVing, campfire stories, off-roading, and more. *The Kid's Guide to Camping* features 128 pages of



tips, tricks, facts and fun. It also includes games and puzzles to enjoy around the campfire as well as tips from KOA camping kids.

“One of the coolest parts of this guide is the inclusion of real tips from the children of some of our KOA campground owners,” said Whitney Scott KOA’s chief marketing officer. “Pairing the first-hand knowledge of our youngest KOA campers with the expertise of writer Eileen Ogintz really created a fun, informative book for kids.”

Ogintz is a national family travel expert whose syndicated column “Taking the Kids” is the most widely distributed column in the country on family travel. She also created TakingtheKids.com which helps families make the most of their vacations together. Ogintz is the author of seven family travel books in addition to *The Kid’s Guide to Camping*.

According to the KOA’s “2021 North American Camping Report,” the majority of campers (54%) report having children in the household. Among first-time campers, the incidence of camping with children is even higher – three-fourths camp with kids.

“With more young children trying out camping with their families, the release of this book really makes sense,” said Scott. “Moreover, with many campgrounds adding even more amenities and activities to cater to families, like family-style bathrooms, splash pads, and themed weekends, supporting that work with a quality publication creates great synergy.”

The Kid’s Guide to Camping is available at major sellers like [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#). It can also be purchased at select KOA campgrounds.

Farewells

CAROL DE GROOT LONGTIME MEMBER



Carol de Groot, 6-13-21 wife of Leonard de Groot of Bordentown, NJ. Carol and Len were field directors for NCHA/FCRV of NJ and some may remember Leonard as the director of the NCHA/FCRV band at campventions for about five years. Carol and Len owned several Hallmark stores in NJ and were always a willing help in procuring, cost free, the items needed for New Jersey's teen queen floats at campventions and they spent many hours in helping to construct the floats. In particular some old timers may remember New Jersey's 52-foot flatbed tractor trailer float of the Jersey shore at the Ohio Campvention in 1991. It was complete with ocean waves a Ferris wheel and a sandy beach. Carol and Len were members of the Tulpe Tribe (pronounced Tul-pea) chapter, NCHA. (Tulpe is an American Indian word for turtle). Carol was an immense asset to NCHA/FCRV of NJ and will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved her."



Dale Riggins, 89 , 5-28-21, Monticello, Illinois, Mission, Texas. Extensive Community Service including Justice Of The Peace, IL National Guard. Known for his humor and personality, IL FCRV members and Winter Texan Chapter. Condolences may be sent to his wife of 53 years. Jan at djriggins53@gmail.com.



Bob Jones, 96, 5-29-21, St. Johns, Florida, WW II U.S. Navy Veteran, Volunteered with late wife, Helen at Campventions and Retiree Rallies.



Kay Anderson, 65, 5-30-21, Colchester, Connecticut. Treasurer 20 years for Boy Scout Troop 72. 15 year member of Happy Wanderers Chapter with late husband, Larry.



Harry Bruner, 90, 6/19.21, Delta, Ohio. Longtime NCHA/FCRV member with late wife of 67 years, Jacquelyn . Earned recognition as a boy scout leader –my Veteran Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. U.S. Army Veteran 1955-1957.



Beverly Schettenhelm, 83, 6-22-21, Rochester, Michigan. Charter member with husband, John Of MI Roamin' Oaks Chapter since 1964. She attended 32 Campventions including the last 6.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July 11-16, 2021 – 61st FCRV Campvention
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

July 22 - 25, 2021 - Region 3 Regional Campvention

Hosted by NE FCRVers at York County Fairgrounds, York, NE. Registration and camping are \$65.00 for 2 nights and 3 days, or \$85.00 at the gate. Early Bird camping is \$15.00. All sites have 30 or 50-amp electricity only. Handicap parking is available near facilities. Saturday breakfast is available, with pre-registration, for \$5.00/person. E-mail questions and/or requests for registration form to NE State Directors Rob and Joleen Baker at rojopapio@cox.net. Make checks payable to Nebraska FCRV and mail, along with registration form, to Anita Mueller, 207 East Liberty, Exeter, NE 68351.

AUGUST

August 4-8th, 2021 - Great Lakes Regional Campout

Shipshewana Campground North - Shipshewana, IN. This campground only has 50 sites and also a few cabins, call and book now! The number is 260-768-7770, let them know you are with FCRV. For more information or a registration form (\$20 activity fee/\$25 at gate), please email angieshaney-felt@hotmail.com

August 19-26, 2021 - Northeast Regional Rally

Connecticut FCRV (Hosts) - at Ross Hill Park 170 Ross Hill Road, Lisbon CT 06351 (860) [376-ROSSHILL](tel:376-ROSSHILL) : Campground Information: <http://www.rosshillpark.com> Registration: <https://fcrv.org/region5-campout-2021/> Event Organizer: Lisa Basso



HAPPY JULY 4TH

JULY FUN FACTS

July is National Watermelon Month

July 5 is the time of aphelion, when Earth is the farthest it will get from the Sun for the entire year—specifically, we'll be 94,510,886 miles away from our bright star!

July 25: National Day of the Cowboy

1963 – ZIP codes were introduced for US mail.

1980 – O Canada officially became the national anthem of Canada

1862 – Lewis Carroll told 10-year-old Alice Liddell a story that was the basis for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, published in 1865

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Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.
Elkhorn, WI 53121



Campvention Days: July 11-16, 2021 fees cover (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 9 & 10 2021 @ \$30/night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2021

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.
Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

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

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

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

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

Number of people in your unit:

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

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

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

The gates will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Special Needs Information:

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

REGISTRATION:

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency and in the form of check or money order.

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$335.00	\$365.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$165.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 11-16)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00

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Contact them at: 716-683-5723 email: FCRV.VP.OPS@gmail.com

We would like to volunteer for: _____

All attendees agree to comply with Campvention guidelines, including the golf cart guidelines, which applies to all golf carts on the premises.

2021 PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

TO: State/Provincial Directors and Chapter Presidents

SUBJECT: Parade Theme: Wander Wisconsin

PLEASE FORWARD THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO YOUR STATE/PROVINCIAL PARADE CHAIRMAN. DUPLICATES OF THIS FORM MAY BE MADE IF MORE THAN ONE ENTRY FROM YOUR STATE/PROVINCE WILL BE ENTERED IN THE PARADE. HAVE YOUR PARADE CHAIRMAN OR THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF YOUR PARADE ENTRIES CALL OR WRITE TO US AND WE WILL SEND THEM THE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING FLOAT BUILDING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR CAMPVENTION AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU.

2021 FLOAT REGISTRATION FORM

Indicate CATEGORY and SECTION for your entry: *CATEGORY # _____ SECTION _____ (A,B or C)

CHAPTER NAME: _____

STATE/PROVINCE: _____

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY: _____ WALKING UNIT _____ FLOAT
_____ OVER 8' LONG _____ UNDER 8'
_____ TEEN QUEEN

MOTORIZED: _____ YES _____ NO TOWED: _____ YES _____ NO

TYPE OF UNIT: _____ (Wagon, Car, Small Truck, Large Truck, Semi, Etc.)

NEED WAGON OR TRAILER?: _____ YES _____ NO (If yes, further information will be provided)

NEED CONVERTIBLE?: _____ YES _____ NO (If yes, further information will be provided.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON IN CHARGE OF THIS UNIT: _____

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

Rhonda O'Neal
PARADE CHAIRMAN
2730 N Waterford Dr.
St Louis Mo 63033

PH: (314)495-6985 or E-Mail: Rhonda_oneal@yahoo.com

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 15, 2021.

*CATEGORY LIST

Chapter Float #1
Teen Chapter Float #2
State/Province Float #3
State/Province Teen Float #4
All Teen Queen Floats #5
Individual Family Float #6
National Entries #7

"WANDER WISCONSIN" MARKETPLACE

TABLE REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Basic space is for an 8 foot table (provided). There is 'NO FEE CHARGE' for Chapters for tables, a two table limit. There is a \$15.00 fee for Individuals who sell crafts or other items, for an 8 foot space with table provided. If a second table (limit 2) is needed an additional \$10.00 fee is required for a total of \$25.00. Providing your own table does not change the fees. Remit fee with form.

CHAPTERS::

Chapter Name _____

Contact person _____

Cell ph number/email _____

Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table) _____

(No fee for Chapters)

Describe products sold _____

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Contact person _____

Cell ph number/email _____

Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table) _____

(1 table= \$15.00; 2-tables + add \$10.00 ==Total \$25.00)

(Supply own table—NO change in fees!)

Describe products sold _____

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Make checks payable to: 'NCHA' write "*Campvention 2021*" on the memo line



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Youth name _____

Boy Girl Age _____

Interests _____

Allergies/medical concerns

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State/Providence _____ Site # _____ Phone# _____



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1 PERSON	\$100	
CAMP PASS MOTEL STAY:		
2 PEOPLE	\$200	
1 PERSON	\$100	

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I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: _____