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From the President Gerry Pfirsch



With Campvention over we are back to camping and business at hand. A nominating committee is being formed as I have asked Larry Roop to Chair that Committee this year. I ask If you are contacted or interested in a position consider stepping up and running. It is a rewarding venture. The

work is taking place on the Field Manual and the correction in it as we speak. There have been several counter dictions and outdated items that are being cleaned up and addressed.

One recent discovery I have made is that we have a state Director on mailing list that the contact information is not correct. This list Larry updates almost monthly, and this Individual changed their phone number some time ago and never bothered updating the FCRV office with the new information. You might ask how I know this I contacted Pat at the office thinking that possibly I did not copy the number correctly or did not have the most recent list with me. Upon checking Pat confirmed that I had the correct number or at least the number that the office had for this State Director. It is a sad day when we have State Directors that fail to keep the office updated on their own phone number changes. So please take time to review and keep your state information as well as your members information updated.

I hope that all of you have had the opportunity to go camping with you chapter and you have had some fun and successful outings this year! There are a number of state functions that are taking place so if you have the opportunity, I hope that you take the time to attend your state fall function if they are having one. If you do not attend the functions, then you have missed out on a wonderful opportunity to get to know the members that are part of the same state as you are. Often, we are asking what we get from our membership. Well, you only get in return what you invest into something. It is like a retirement fund If you put money into the fund the fund will pay you

back in time. So, invest fun times and friendship into FCRV and in return the friendship flows back to you many times over.

I would like to encourage each chapter to set up a Gmail account for their chapter and get the address to the office. this will help for communication and will add a layer of security as no one will have their personal email address out there for their chapter. This will also help to aid in posting the things that your chapter does and allow for added communication. One other thing this will add to the professional look of FCRV. This will also add to the creditability of FCRV. I would also like to encourage you to send photos of your events to the office for the website. I would also like to have you share some of the activities that your chapter does on outings to increase the activities that show up when people are searching online. let us make sure that they find us first and show them that we are active and having fun.

Well for now we will see you camping!

Gerry Pfirsch

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY 2022

MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER

1150 NORTH NEWSOM STREET

March 23– 29, 2021 Early days start March 19.

TO OUR RETIREES AND MANY MORE WHO WANT TO ATTEND

by Ron & Reba Ray, FCRV National Retiree Directors

We are still making plans for the 2021 International Retiree Rally to go on as scheduled. I talked with the Manager of Mineola Civic Center, and we are still on schedule. They are looking forward to us coming.

You can find your registration form in The Camping Today Magazine. Please go ahead and register.

If for some reason we cannot have it, then we will refund your money, but at this time we are going ahead and making plans. Kip and Jan Cushing are working hard on this rally.

This is our 50th year, so if you have any memories that you have and would like to share then bring them with you or email them to me so we can get something together - pictures, plaques, ribbons from years past. My email is reba256@yahoo.com. Let's make this rally special.

Mineola is a small town just above Tyler, Texas, known for its railroad. They have a railroad depot there for you to tour. They also have an old-time theater downtown along with several antiques and gift shops. They have several downtown diners to enjoy, also.

We spent a few days there when we set up the rally, and we are looking forward in going back there.

So go ahead and make your reservations. Hopefully, they will have this virus under control by this time.

We will monitor the situation in the future to make sure everyone is safe.

Hope to see you all in March!!



KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES



We are hoping for an actual Retiree Rally at Mineola, TX next year. Think positively. We need to plan as if it will happen. That being said, couples that are King & Queen of their state or Providence should consider now if they would like to compete for International King & Queen at the Retiree Rally in March 2022.

First, you don't need to be selected by a separate retiree chapter – it can be just your province or state organization that selects you.

Next, contact us for an application form and information about conducting your campaign. Prepare a write up about your selves that we can use to introduce you to the attendees at the Rally. We need all applications by the end of January.

Next, prepare a bio (300 words or less) to publish in Camping Today, (a picture to DeWayne Johnston would be good). D_johnston01@outlook.com (need an underline sign “_” between D and j) and also to Vickie Roop (campingtodayvr@gmail.com). You can send it any time.

Then decide on campaign handouts & plan your hospitality at the Rally.

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

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

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

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We need to thank Matt and Marla Mantia for being our longest serving FCRV International Retiree King & Queen. They are hoping COVID will become under control so that another Retiree Rally can be held so they can pass on the Crowns to another couple. WHO WILL THAT BE?

A short bio is needed for introduction at the Rally. A picture and introductive article can be put into Camping Today to announce your candidacy to FCRV members.

This is a fun event where lots of new friends are encountered. The winners will represent FCRV until the next Retiree Rally when new candidates are presented.

Thanks Matt & Marla and all the past K & Qs for your service.



FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED

By Richard and Frances Jackson, Flea Market Chairs

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





GAMES IN MINEOLA



by Craig & Shari Weber, Games Chairs

We are planning the usual games for the rally in Mineola. We will be following current CDC guidelines to protect everyone and still enjoy the games.

If you are willing to lead one of the games during the rally, please email fcrvnd@yahoo.com with the game you would like to lead. Many hands make the work easier, and everyone has fun.

Cornhole is a game many enjoy. The retirees do not have boards, so we ask that you bring boards; we will need several. There will be a variety of competitive games and the always fun frog races. Bring a fun attitude and competitive spirit to join us throughout the week.

2022 RETIREE RALLY

By Kip & Jan Cushing 2022 Retiree Rally Coordinators
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We have contacted most of you that had agreed to be chairman of committees in 2021. Most of you have agreed to chair the same committee in 2022. We thank you very much. If you had agreed for 2021 and haven't been contacted please let us know if you are still willing to chair a committee.

Most committees are filled at this time, but there are several committees in need of co-chairman. Let us know if you would be willing to be a co-chairman.

MINEOLA, TEXAS

by Barb Turner, PR Chair

FCRV International Retiree Rally 2022 is a milestone in the organization.....**FIFTY Retiree Rallies will be celebrated March 29 – April 3, 2022 at the Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas.** Rally Coordinators Kip & Jan Cushing are celebrating the accomplishment with their theme for the rally being 'Fishin' for Fifty'. The Mineola Civic Center and RV Park has full hookups with 30 or 50 amps on large, level, concrete sites with green grass. Fast WiFi! Shower facilities will be available. Over the next few months, the rally committee chairs will be sharing what to expect in March/April in Mineola in Camping Today.

Mineola is at the junction of U.S. highways 69 and 80, eighty miles east of Dallas in southwestern Wood County. It came into existence when the railroads laid tracks through eastern Texas in the early 1870s. Interestingly, in 1873 it was a race between the Texas and Pacific and the International-Great Northern to see which could get to Mineola first. The I-GN reached Mineola 15 minutes before the Texas and Pacific Railroad! That would have been exciting! The city government was organized in 1873. A post office was opened in 1875. Incorporation came in 1877. In the 1880s a fire destroyed 18 buildings, but the city didn't die. It rebuilt and flourished, and by 1890 there were seven churches, several schools including a free black school, hotels, banks, and businesses. The population reached 2,000!

East Texas was in the 'timber belt' which made railroad ties and lumber plentiful for the railroads. 'In 1879, S. Zuckerman, a Mineola resident, filled contracts for 85,000 ties that were used in the construction of the T&P RR west to El Paso.' Over the years, Mineola has remained a small East Texas town with several commercial endeavors. For more of Mineola's history, check out this link https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mineola,_Texas.

Plan on 'Fishin' for Fifty' in Mineola, Texas in March/April, 2022. More Mineola info and rally info will be shared in the months ahead! See you in Mineola, Texas in March/April!



62nd INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & RV'ers - Hosted by Far West Region 1
"ROCKY MOUNTAIN BLISS"
Colorado State Fairgrounds
1001 Beulah Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004
Campvention Days: July 10 - 15, 2022
EARLY BIRD DAYS: July 8 & 9, 2022

by Jeff & Shirley Kendle, Campvention 2022 Chair

"Rocky Mountain Bliss" is the theme for the 2022 FCRV Campvention. The Rocky Mountain Bliss team is hard at work planning many exciting and fun activities for a great Campvention week from July 10 – July 15, 2022, with departure on Saturday, July 16th. Future issues of CAMPING TODAY will give details on entertainment, activities, seminars, games, and site-seeing opportunities.

Check out our Facebook group - "FCRV Region 1 Campvention 2022". This is another platform to communicate with FCRV members regarding upcoming events and activities that will take place at Campvention.

You can find the 2022 Campvention Registration Form in Camping Today, on the FCRV website at [Campvention 2022 – Family Campers and RVers \(fcrv.org\)](https://www.fcrv.org), and on the Facebook Group.

We can always use your help. So, if you are interested, contact Shirley or Jeff Kendle at campppueblo2022@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, Colorado for the 2022 Campvention.

CAMPVENTION 2022, JULY 10-15, 2022
COLORADO STATE FAIRGROUNDS, PUEBLO COLORADO

By Jeff & Shirley Kendle, Campvention Chair



The location of the 2022 Campvention will be the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, Colorado. Many of you may have attended the 2007 Campvention; however, since then there have been numerous improvements to the grounds, buildings, and parking areas. The fairgrounds reside on eighty acres of land that contains paved streets, an outdoor amphitheater, outdoor stages, and impressive landscaping. Trees line the streets, and there are shaded grass areas to sit and relax. We will have picnic tables placed in a few areas so you can sit outside and enjoy your lunch, socialize, and take in the warm summer air.

For the 2022 Campvention, FCRV will have exclusive use of all facilities, parking areas, and grounds. All buildings have either air condition or swamp coolers to keep us cool during the summer heat. There is even a restaurant on site that we will be negotiating with to have open where you will be able to sit, relax, and have a cool drink.

There are three parking areas at the Fairgrounds, the Carnival Lot, the Event Center Lot, and Fountain Park. There is a combination of full-hook-up sites and water and electric sites. The majority of the sites have 50 amp; however, some sites have 35 amp. All parking will be strictly **HOB0** style, and sites will be assigned as you arrive at the gate, so if you want to camp next to someone you must arrive with them.



See you in Pueblo!!



PUEBLO, COLORADO SITE OF THE FCRV CAMPVENTION 2022

By Barb Turner, Campvention Publicity Chair



Pueblo, Colorado is the site of the FCRV 2022 Campvention where attendees will celebrate ‘Rocky Mountain Bliss’ July 10-15, 2022. Pueblo is located at the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek about 112 miles south of Denver, the Colorado state capital. The climate is considered semi-arid desert land which experiences about 12 inches of precipitation each year. It’s located in the ‘Banana Belt’ of Colorado which means that Pueblo gets less snow than the major cities of Colorado. Snow won’t be an issue in July!!

Historically, James Beckwourth, George Simpson, and other trappers are said to have helped construct the plaza that became known as El Pueblo and Fort Pueblo around 1842. Trading between the trappers and Native Americans in the area uninterrupted till late 1854 when a war party of Utes and Jicarilla Apaches under

the Ute chief Tierra Blanca “allegedly killed between fifteen and nineteen men and captured two children and one woman in what became known as the Fort Pueblo Massacre”. The trading post was then abandoned till it gained importance again between 1858 and 1859 during the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859.

“By the early 1870s the city was being hailed as a beacon of development, with newspapers like the Chicago Tribune boasting of how the region's lawless reputation was giving way to orderly agriculture with triumphalist rhetoric. One author crowed of Pueblo that ‘the necessity exists no longer for Sharp's rifles and revolvers. These have been supplied by the plow and the mowing-machine.’

“Pueblo's development stretched beyond agriculture. Steel emerged as a key industry very early, and in 1909 the city was considered the only steel town west of the Mississippi River.” With the growth of the Colorado Fuel & Iron (CF&I) Steel Mill and influx of immigrants to work in the mill, Pueblo became the ‘Melting Pot of the West’ with at one point more than 40 languages were spoken in the steel mill and more than 2 dozen foreign language newspapers were published in Pueblo.

“Until a series of major floods culminated in the Great Flood of 1921, Pueblo was considered the ‘Saddle-Making capital of the World’. Roughly one-third of Pueblo's downtown businesses were lost in this flood, along with a substantial number of buildings. Pueblo struggled with this significant loss, but has had resurgence in growth.” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pueblo,_Colorado)

“The current city of Pueblo represents the consolidation of four towns: Pueblo (incorporated 1870), South Pueblo (incorporated 1873), Central Pueblo (incorporated 1882), and Bessemer (incorporated 1886). Pueblo, South Pueblo, and Central Pueblo legally consolidated as the City of Pueblo between March 9 and April 6, 1886. Bessemer joined Pueblo in 1894.”

“The City of Pueblo is also known as the ‘**Home of Heroes**’. This moniker was in a speech in 1993 by then Colorado Representative Scott McInnis as he spoke to Congress about the uniqueness of a city Pueblo’s size having a record four recipients of the Medal of Honor claiming Pueblo as their hometown: William J. Crawford, Army WWII; Carl L. Sitter, Marines Korea; Raymond J. “Jerry” Murphy, Marines Korea; and Drew D. Dix, Army Vietnam. At the time, all four men were alive. The speech, which became part of the Congressional Record, caused the City to adopt the name ‘Home of Heroes’. It has increased in popularity over the years. In September of 2000, a memorial was created with four larger than life size bronze statues representing Pueblo’s four recipients



and it included large granite plaques as backdrops at the Memorial with the names of all Medal of Honor recipients since Civil War times when the award was first conceived. This was unveiled in downtown Pueblo at the Pueblo Convention Center during the Congressional Medal of Honor Society’s national convention.

“The flags in the city's official seal, which fly above the banner ‘under 5 flags’, represent the 5 countries and territories that held dominion over the Pueblo area during the last 2 centuries. Those countries are France, Mexico, Texas, Spain, and of course, the United States of America. Included in the seal is a representation of old Fort Pueblo, the 1st permanent structure in the area. Pueblo was incorporated in 1870, at the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fountain River. The waters of these 2 rivers are represented by the waves beneath the fort.” (<https://www.pueblo.us/119/History-of-Pueblo>)

Pueblo, Colorado, site of Campvention 2022, is an interesting city and area to explore. Over the months leading up to Campvention, sites to see and things to do will be shared to prepare our FCRV family when we convene in July, 2022.

Photos - <https://www.pueblo.us/119/History-of-Pueblo>



Hi everyone. I am Jeff Kendle, your new Vice President of Operations. A little bit about me- I was born in Ohio, I left there in 1963 to join the U.S. Army. I spent 23 years touring the world! Stateside assignments included Missouri, Virginia, Texas, Georgia and Colorado. Overseas tours included Korea, Viet Nam, and 4 years in Heidelberg, Germany.

I met my wife, Shirley at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Colorado. We have been married for 39 years. We have been members of NCHA/FCRV for 16 years. I have held every chapter officer position to include being a field director, State Director, Regional Director and now FCRV VP of Operations. We have two “grown up children” who are also members of FCRV and a 21-year-old granddaughter who is also a member and is the Colorado Youth Director. In addition to being your voice on the Board of Trustees for regional, state and provinces, I will also be working with the other trustees on making things better and bigger for FCRV. If I can help in any way, don’t hesitate to contact me at: vpopsfcrv@gmail.com.

We all need to work on membership in order to make FCRV grow. We need to get out there at chapter, state/provincial, regional and national campouts and other functions and do a little bragging about what FCRV is all about- you know, the 4 “F’s”, fun, fellowship, friendship and FOOD! If you see RVs in your neighborhood or in other campsites, approach the occupants/owners, talk to them about FCRV, give them the website address and a membership application. It’s worth a few minutes of your time.

Have a great rest of the camping season and don’t forget, Campvention 2022 will be held in the colorful state of Colorado. Hope to see you there.

CAMPVENTION 2021 ADULT & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

By Brian Fuller & Mary Beth Huyge
Adult & Family Activities Chairs

Euchre Tournament:

High score: Marilyn Rausch, Indiana

Most lone hands: Mary Ann Hilger, Kansas



Family Games high scores:

Female adults: Dora Lewis, Connecticut

Male adults: Joe Wittmeyer, New York

Female teens/youth: Grace Carey, Michigan

Male teens/youth: Otto McIntosh, Michigan



Wisconsin Trivia high scores:

1st: Jim Camp, Wisconsin

2nd: Judi Camp, Wisconsin



Logo Game winner:

Beth Muschinski, Mississippi



NCHA (FCRV) HANK NATHAN SCHOLARSHIP INC.



The 2020/21 Scholarship year has been significantly affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

In 2021, the NCHA (FCRV) Hank Nathan Scholarship Inc. will award 6 scholarships, the amount of the awards will total \$7,500.00. We responded to 10 requests for applications, receiving 8 at the Scholarship America office. The six recommendations were reviewed and approved by the FCRV Scholarship Board.

The value of the Scholarship fund as of March 31, 2021 was \$274,000.00. We use 6% of the value for scholarships giving us \$12,500.00 to draw from.

This year we do not have a recipient of the Schu Memorial Scholarship, in conservation, ecology or outdoor activities.

We have 6 Scholarship recipients:

Benjamin Moats of Ames, Iowa will be attending University of Minnesota: Twin Cities. He will be studying Mathematics. \$2,000

Tara Mueller of Exeter NE will be attending Wayne State University. She will be studying Early Childhood Education \$1,000

Kiley Johnson of Omaha NE will be attending University of Nebraska: Lincoln. She will be studying Elementary Ed. \$1,000

Kerri McHale of Carthage NY will be attending SUNY Brockport. She will be studying History Education \$1,500

Brianna Coniglio of Spring Hill will be attending John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She will be studying Forensic Science \$1,000

Katie Kurburski of Harbor Springs MI will be attending Ferns State University. She will be studying Biology. \$1,000

The Scholarship Board wishes to thank the staff at Scholarship America for their continued support of our program. We specifically wish to thank Staci Anderson our contact with Scholarship America for her dedication and support. Our thanks and best wishes to all six recipients of this year's scholarships. We wish all of them continued success as they work toward a carrier in their chosen fields.



FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship Donations July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Date	From	Amount
12-31-20	Badger State Association disbanded	\$2,565.13
07-08-20	Philipsburg Mountaineers in Memory of Emma Jean Lanich	\$25.00
07-21-20	Philipsburg Mountaineers in Memory of Millie Hubler	\$25.00

07-30-20	Beverly Hagerman in memory of Richard Carey	\$25.00
08-04-20	Cynthia Marz In Memory of Richard Carey	\$50.00
08-04-20	Beth Sulek-Lahousse In memory of Richard Carey	\$25.00
08-04-20	Lavaughn Turton_in Memory of Richard Carey	\$25.00
08-24-20	Jacqueline Talley in Memory of Richard Carey	\$50.00
08-24-20	Linda English in Memory of Richard Carey	<u>\$100.00</u>
		\$2,890.13

We also want to show our appreciation to all members who contributed donations this past year. A well deserved thank you to Jan Cushing for all her work keeping our books in order.

In closing let me leave you with this thought. The Scholarship Board helps many young people to follow their dreams. Your donations make that support possible!

MANAGMENT REPORT

Family Campers and RVers

For the period Ended June 30, 2021

Prepared on August 9, 2021

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Total

INCOME

3000 Dues	
3001 New Member Dues	4,410.00
3002 Renewal Dues	39,824.50
3003 Second Year Dues	7,938.00
3004 Third Year Dues	3,550.00
3010 Life & Extra months	16,948.16
Total 3000 Dues	72,670.66
3006A Non-Dues	
3005 FCRV Insignia	19.50
3007 Postage Income	7.50
3014 Commercial Member Dues	1,700.00
3024 Camping Today Subscriptions	660.00
3029 Miscellaneous Income	11,739.32
3071 Realized gains on investments	-4,892.98

3075 Merchandise Commissions	13.60
Total 3006A Non-Dues	9,246.94
3100 Interest and Dividends	
3103 Edward Jones Interest	3,117.50
3104 Edward Jones Dividends	12,651.80
Total 3100 Interest and Dividends	15,769.30
3500A Miscellaneous	
3501 Refunds	-35.00
3502 Canadian Exchange	-49.13
Total 3500A Miscellaneous	-84.13
Sales of Product Income	2,890.43
Total Income	100,493.20
GROSS PROFIT	100,493.20

4000 Office	
4001 Rent	9,300.00
4002 Telephone	1,743.12
4003 Supplies	925.11
4004 Postage	2,110.90
4005 Gross Wages	382.98
4008 Insurance	702.72
4010 Printed Forms	1,582.31
4011 Equipment Leasing	590.13
4012 Social Security (Employer)	19.66
4015 Computer Services	2,677.83
4017 Office Cleaning	800.40
4018 Miscellaneous	20.16
Total 4000 Office	20,855.32

4100 Publication	
4106 Magazine Postage	83.05
4107 Editor Service	5,400.00
4125 Webmaster	210.13
Total 4100 Publication	5,693.18
5000 A Trustees	
5030 Comptroller	178.41
5070 VP Operations	18.95
Total 5000 A Trustees	197.36
6000 A Program Dir.	
6005 Conservation Program	195.00
6010 Campvention Director	1,072.11
6055 Scholarship Program	17.63
6090 Placque & Trophy Co-ordinator	26.35
6100 Historian Program	514.88
Total 6000 A Program Dir.	1,825.97
7000 A Regional Dir.	
7010 #3 Heartland Region	22.14

Total 7000 A Regional Dir.	22.14
8000 A State & Pro. Dir.	
8070 Kansas	93.08
8120 Indiana	11.47
Total 8000 A State & Pro. Dir.	104.55
9000 Field	
9001 Liability Insurance	13,686.00
9002 Audit	420.00
9003 Legal	5,000.00
9007 Awards	267.00
9029 Bank Charges	1,611.99
9044 Membership Development & Ret.	20.64
9047 Program Coupons	15.50
9060 Equipment	179.94
9090 Miscellaneous	2,531.20
9400 Campvention Loss	1,853.36
Total 9000 Field	25,585.63
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	3,967.76
Wages	46,580.91
Total Payroll Expenses	50,548.67
Total Expenses	104,832.82
NET OPERATING INCOME	-4,339.62
NET INCOME	\$ -4,339.62

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1007 Checking - Office	346.59
1008 General Checkings 004836814107	8,018.37
Total Bank Accounts	8,364.96

Other Current Assets	
1041 CAMPVENTION ADVANCE	7,300.00
1046 pre-paid liability insurance	10,176.75
Total Other Current Assets	17,476.75
Total Current Assets	25,841.71

Other Assets	
1050 Inventory Merchandise	4,270.61
1051 Inventory Insignia	18,747.88
1055 Deposit - United Parcel	400.00
1056 Deposit - Office Rent	510.00
1057 Suspense - Exchange	190.23
1060 Long Term Investments	

1061 Edward Jones Investments (FMV)	
1062 Money Market	6,423.41
1076 Franklin Income CI A1	125,165.69
1078 Lord Abbett Bond Debenture CI A	137,256.15
1080 Lord Abbett Income CI A	76,013.51
Total 1061 Edward Jones Investments (FMV)	344,858.76
Total 1060 Long Term Investments	344,858.76
Total Other Assets	368,977.48
TOTAL ASSETS	\$394,819.19

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
1801 Life Memberships	
1804 Reserve Life Membership	179,957.44
1809 Life Membership Amortization	-142,000.00
Total 1801 Life Memberships	37,957.44
1803 Reserve Life Installments	1,020.00
1805 Reserve Membership Promo ST/PR	2,791.11
1815 Reserve-Designated Donations	1,532.75
1816 Veterans Memorial Fund	797.00
Payroll Liabilities	
disability	184.75
Federal Taxes (941/944)	813.78
NY Personal Leave policy	397.65

NYS Employment Taxes	-3,552.69
NYS Income Tax	585.03
Total Payroll Liabilities	-1,571.48
Total Other Current Liabilities	42,526.82
Total Current Liabilities	42,526.82
Total Liabilities	42,526.82
Equity	
1900 Fund Balance	320,576.53
1901 Unrealized Gain/Loss Investment	93,710.28
3900 Retained Earnings	-57,654.82
Net Income	-4,339.62
Total Equity	352,292.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$394,819.19

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, INC

d.b.a. FCRV Wildlife Refuge, Inc

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2020

CASH	\$ 0.03
MONEY MARKET FUND	
EXCHANGE - TRADED & CLOSED FUNDS	\$ 43,859.96
MUTUAL FUNDS	\$ 42,017.53
	<u>\$ 85,877.52</u>

RECEIPTS - 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

CONTRIBUTIONS
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS

DISBURSEMENTS 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

GRANTS	\$ (5,000.00)
ADVISORY SOLUTIONS FEES	\$ (700.06)
	<u>\$ (5,700.06)</u>

CHANGE IN VALUE - 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021 \$ 4,273.79

TOTAL ASSETS AT 6/30/2021 \$ 84,451.25

ASSETS HELD AT EDWARD JONES ON

CASH	
MONEY MARKET	\$ 0.76
	<u>\$ 0.76</u>

ECX

ISHARES CORE US AGGR BOND	\$ 8,484.10
ISHARES RUSS 2000 ETF	\$ 1,926.36
ISHARES S&P 600 value ETF	\$ 1,807.92
ISHARES CORE MSCI EAFA ETF	\$ 5,900.85
SCHWAB US REIT ETF	\$ 968.94
VANGUARD GROWTH ETF	\$ 2,818.05
VANGUARD VALUE ETF	\$ 10,633.35
VANGUARD TTL BD MARKET ETF	\$ 9,578.24
	<u>\$ 42,117.81</u>

MUTUAL FUNDS

AMERICAN CAPITAL WORLD BOND F3	\$ 1,691.91
BR TOTAL RETURN K	\$ 3,526.39
CLEARBRIDGE MID CAP IS	\$ 1,534.63
DELAWARE EMERGING MARKETS 1	\$ 1,814.25
DFA EMERGING MARKETS VALUE 1	\$ 1,580.72
DODGE & COX INTL STOCK	\$ 2,700.30
GOLDMAN FS GOVERNMENT 1	\$ 681.08

JH BOND R6	\$ 6,266.52
MFS INTERNATIONAL EQUITY 1	\$ 3,900.91
NATIXIS LS INVSTGRD BD N	\$ 3,620.07
NB GENESIS 1	\$ 2,341.39
PGM TOTAL RETURN BOND R6	\$ 4,457.17
PRIMECAP ODYSSEY STOCK	\$ 3,856.03
TRP HIGH YIELD BOND 1	\$ 4,361.31
	<u>\$ 42,332.68</u>
	<u>\$ 84,451.25</u>

NCHA HANK NATHAN SCHOLARSHIP, INC.

d.ba. FCRV Scholarship, INC

Financial Report

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

ASSETS AT 7/1/2020 (HELD AT EDWARD JONES)

CASH	
MONEY MARKET	
EXCHANGE - TRADED & CLOSED, ENDING FUNDS	\$ 117,876.15
MUTUAL FUNDS	\$ 124,310.52
	<u>\$ 242,186.67</u>

PLUS RECEIPTS - 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,890.13
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	
	<u>\$ 2,890.13</u>

LESS DISBURSEMENTS - 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

ADVISORY SOLUTIONS FEES	\$ (3,365.69)
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ (12,000.00)
SCHOLARSHIP FEES	\$ (2,380.00)
	<u>\$ (17,745.69)</u>

<u>CHANGE IN VALUE</u>	\$ 57,162.25
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<u>TOTAL ASSETS ON 6/30/2021</u>	<u>\$ 284,493.36</u>
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CASH	
MONEY MARKET	\$ 48.02
	<u>\$ 48.02</u>

<u>EXCHANGE TRADED</u>	
ISHARES CORE US AGGR BOND	\$ 24,465.18
ISHARES RUSS 2000 ETF	\$ 7,200.68
ISHARES S&P SC 600 VALUE ETF	\$ 7,709.04
ISHARES MSCI EAFE ETF	\$ 21,015.99

SCHWAB US REIT ETF	\$ 3,101.43
VANGUARD FTSE EMERGING MKT ETF	\$ 8,729.60
VANGUARD GROWTH ETF	\$ 15,626.05
VANGUARD VALUE ETF	\$ 32,534.96
VANGUARD TTL BD MARKET ETF	\$ 21,988.92
	\$ 142,371.85

MUTUAL FUNDS

BRTOTAL RETURN K	\$ 10,447.26
CLEARBRIDGE MID CAP CLASS IS	\$ 6,663.57
DELAWARE EMERGING MARKETS 1	\$ 6,265.03
DODGE & COX INTL STOCK	\$ 8,873.82
EDGEWOOD GROWTH 1	\$ 6,818.14
GOLDMAN F5GOVERNMENT 1	\$ 2,185.01
JH BOND R6	\$ 18,705.18
MFS INSTL EQUITY 1	\$ 6,037.37
NAXTIXIS LS IVST GRD BD N	\$ 10,327.14
NB GENESIS 1	\$ 12,500.17
PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND 6	\$ 20,183.98
PIMCO EMBERGING MARKETS BOND 1	\$ 5,091.38
PRIME CAP ODYSSEY STOCK	\$ 13,490.17
TRP HIGH YIELD BOND 1	\$ 14,485.32
	\$ 142,073.54

TOTAL ASSETS BY INVESTMENTS **\$ 284,493.41**

NATIONAL WILDLIFE DIRECTOR REPORT

By Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director



The following are the wildlife grants that were submitted to me. Seven grants were awarded. All grants followed the rules for submitting for a grant.

Medina Raptor Center - Spencer, Ohio - awarded \$1200 - The purpose of this organization is to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned birds. If the birds cannot be released after all efforts have been exhausted it is placed in training to become a program bird. They also have a educational Outreach Program that they present to schools, churches, 4-H groups, senior groups and other community groups. This was a new grant that was submitted this year.

Bridges for Brain Injury - Farmington, New York - new grant this year - awarded \$1200 – This organization is the premier provider of Wildlife and Conservation Education in the Finger Lakes region of New York. They use individuals who have suffered brain injury as part of their rehabilitation. This is the only program of its kind in the U.S. This organization philosophy is to use their Wildlife Rockstar program, a wildlife and conservation education program that brings awareness to the community about environmental conservation as well as brain injury prevention. This organization is the home of over 40 animals.



Hall County Park - Grand Island, Nebraska - awarded \$1100 - This grant will help expand a wildlife butterfly garden in the park. This park has a lot of wildlife in it. There are many butterflies and hummingbirds that enjoy the small area they have so expanding will be great.

Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation - Huntertown, IN awarded \$1100 after their treatment and rehabilitation at our facilities, native or migratory birds released back into the wild. Because of the pandemic the organization hasn't been able to present programs with their educational birds. The educational program is made up of those raptors who cannot be released back to the wild.

Mahoney State Park- Ashland, Nebraska - awarded \$1000 - The project that the park is asking help with is replanting a new generation of oak saplings and establishing new plantings of pollinator habitat. The project is on 3 acres. Deer, turkeys, and many avian species with Bald Eagle nests now visible across the river channel. They had to remove a 280 year old oak because of safety issues.

Dakota Zoo -Bismarck, North Dakota - awarded \$900 - requesting help to purchase a new freezer for store shipped in frozen fish for African Black Penguins. The freezer will cost \$6800. There are other endangered residents receiving specially prepared, frozen fish and meats like Mexican wolves, swift fox, grizzly bears, black footed ferrets, tigers, etc.

Wildcat Hills SRA and Nature Center - New - Gering, Nebraska,- awarded \$500 - Funds will be used for educational purposes, bird feeders, an area for bird watching, and putting up displays for visitors to learn more about the various wildlife.

SOARIN' HAWK RAPTOR REHABILITATION CENTER

Ms. Joanie Stone
National Wildlife Refuge Director
Family Campers & RVers

Dear Ms. Stone,

On behalf of the volunteers and board of Soarin' Hawk, thank you for the grant of \$1100 from Family Campers & RVers Wildlife Refuge Inc.

We will use the funding for presentations at state campgrounds and parks with our resident education raptors. Thanks to your support, we will be able to reach a wider audience of campers and RVers with our mission of conserving the raptor population through rehabilitation and education

Last year was financially challenging for Soar'n Hawk because of the pandemic sharply reduced revenue normally coming from presentations. Thanks to valuable donors like the Family Campers and RVers Wildlife Refuge Program, we were generally making up the lost ground.

Each year, Soarin' Hawk rescues about 225 injured Raptures, and summer is a busy time. After treatment and rehabilitation, birds are released back into the wild where they were found. Raptors that can not be released because of permanent injuries often become resident education birds. We have 25 of them, including a variety of hawks, owls, kestrels, turkey vultures and an eagle. We also transfer some raptors to other refuges to re-



side, such as a hawk that resently went to a zoo in Kansas City and a turkey vulture to a zoo in Dayton, OH. Thank you for the wonderful support of the Family Campers & RVers Wildlife Refuge program.

Sincerely,
Andy Candor, Board Member

FCRV Activities

YARS POST CAMPVENTION CAMPOUT

By Barb Turner

The YARS Chapter held a 3 day campout after FCFV's 2021 WI Campvention at the nearby Jefferson County Fairgrounds. 17 couples, many of whom volunteered at Campvention attended.



The traditional root beer float welcome brought everyone together for the first evening where ideas for outings were discussed around the campfire. During the weekend people chose to go to a boat lake cruise out of Milwaukee, House on the Rock, The WI Dells, stopping on the way back at famous Culver's for butter burgers, cheese curds, and frozen yogurt.

Food is always part of a YARS get together and there were abundant pot luck breakfasts and suppers. Campfire cooking was available also.



Every evening offered a large campfire with opportunities for lots of conversation. Some opted for table games at the picnic tables. Jerry Zimmerman brought some fun entertainment in the form of 'leg puppets'. A couple ladies volunteered to draw faces on the knees of men who were 'volunteered'. The paint-

ed on faces (washable) became the focal point of doll sized tie-on dresses. The men were then asked to make them dance by moving their legs up and down to music. Try it sometime at a campout!

Hosts were Barb and Jim Turner who reminded everyone that 2022 is YARS' 20th anniversary. Many old and pleasant memories were retold and discussed around the campfire. Some in attendance continued touring with the Turners on their Travalong up through Michigan, etc.

The YARS chapter meets twice a year following Campvention and Retiree Rally. For information contact Barb & Jim Turner@yahoo.com.

FCRV TRAVALONG 2021 REPORT

by Jim & Barb Turner
Travalong Directors

The 2021 FCRV Travalong began after Campvention at the YARs campout at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jeffersonville, Wisconsin. As we were 'wearing 2 hats', campout hosts and Travalong leaders, we encouraged the attendees to explore the area.

Our next stop was the Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, Wisconsin, to explore the Green Bay area and Door County. Dahle Enneper, local FCRV member, stopped by after work to share her suggestions for visiting Door County which is known for its picturesque coastal towns, specialty shops, fish boils, cherry & apple orchards and scenic beauty. It's often referred to as the 'Cape Cod of the Midwest'. Door County has the waters of Green Bay on one side and Lake Michigan on the other. Dahle was very helpful. The group (Jim & Dora Lewis, George & Debbie Walters, Craig & Shari Weber, and Jim Lew-



is' sister & her husband) appreciated Dahle's knowledge and visiting with her.

The day in Door County was wonderful as the group enjoyed the cheese, cherries, a maritime museum, and the amazing coastline! We visited some attractions in the Green Bay are, including the National Railroad Museum, Lambeau Field, the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

The next stop was Rapid River, Michigan near Escanaba in the Upper Peninsula with Jim & Dora Lewis and George & Debbie Walters. Lighthouses were explored as well as a trip to Iron Mountain where we took the tour of the Iron Mountain Iron Mine. Upper Peninsula pasties (a traditional workingman's meal from Cornwall, England – beef, diced potatoes, onion, rutabaga) intrigued the group. Frozen pasties were purchased to eat later.

Our final stop was St. Ignace on the Upper Peninsula side of the Mackinac Bridge. St. Ignace was explored. A day-trip to Sault Saint Marie was the highlight. The two couples took the boat trip through the Soo Locks. We did not join them as we had taken the trip last year. That enabled us to watch their 'locking though' at the first lock. Of course, photos and videos were taken of their process. It is amazing to take the boat trip as well as watch. The Walters (the only ones who hadn't visited the island) took the boat to Mackinac Island and enjoyed the carriage ride with the historical narration. Jim & Dora Lewis visited Tahquamenon Falls & the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, near the sight of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald freighter on Lake Superior. (We had been to both places last year.) Jim & Dora climbed to the top of Castle Rock in St. Ignace.

The 2021 Travalong concluded as we traveled across the



southwest Michigan, and we to the Frankenmuth area for some family time.

We became Travalong Directors in July, 2011. We've enjoyed hosting the various groups. Now, it's

time to retire from that position. We wish the best to the next Travalong Directors, whoever they might be. Thank you for your support.

The link to the Travalong 2021 photos is <https://photos.app.goo.gl/f1ZQ1GbnZsnMb7HW7>

“AMAZING WARRIORS FIGHTING BIG BATTLES”.

Respectfully Submitted
Leon Ishmael, Retiree President

Joanne Rich introduced the South Carolina Retiree Chapter to a page on face book called “AMAZING WARRIORS fighting big battles”. The purpose of the page is to sponsor a child with a life threatening illness. They only ask that you send the child a card monthly and include stickers. Joanne Rich and LaNelle Ishmael both started sponsoring a child and then the idea was presented to the South Carolina Retiree Club. The Retirees are sponsoring a 14 year old girl in Nebraska with terminal brain cancer. Since starting this project we have gone beyond the card and stickers and sent goodies packages of other things the children might enjoy. I would encourage others to take on this project. It is truly a blessing.

Milestones

CORRINE TEVIS



"Please let everyone know that Coriene Tevis (my mom) will be celebrated her 85th Birthday on August 22. My sister (Jayne Rouse) is organizing a "Birthday Card Shower" for her.

Cards can be sent to our mom at: Linn Manor Care Center, % Coriene Tevis, 1140 Elim Dr, Marion IA 52302. Thanks.".....Coriene was active in Iowa and attended many campventions. I always enjoyed catching up with Coriene. Unfortunately, Coriene can no longer join us on the camping trails. Let's shower her with cards. You can also contact Jeremy at jtevis@pudgeandbuddy.com

ENJOY A WEEK OF ADVENTURES IN WEST VIRGINIA

Exciting Outdoor Adventures are
Abundant for Daring Travelers

PIPESTEM, WV, August 4, 2021 – The scenic mountains and wild rivers in West Virginia provide the perfect setting for a week of adventure for outdoor enthusiasts and their families.

Pipestem Adventures at Pipestem State Park and Ace Adventure Resort in the New River Gorge National Park deliver the full spectrum of outdoor adventures in southern West Virginia.

Known as “Wild, Wonderful West Virginia,” the state lives up to its reputation as a playground for those seeking thrills and excitement. At the top of the list is white water rafting on the New River and the Gauley River which provide an experience from mild to wild depending on your skill level and tolerance for excitement. Other exciting endeavors include hiking, rock climbing, ziplining, caving, kayaking, horseback riding and fishing.

Pipestem Adventures also features championship golf courses, mountain bike excursions and professionally guided rafting and inner tubing on the scenic Bluestone Gorge River. Guests can camp in the plentiful camping and RV sites or enjoy a restful retreat at one of the park’s lodges.

Pipestem Adventures offer the guided adventure tours in the park. A full-day adventure extravaganza for the family can be found at Pipestem Adventure Zone where they can participate in skeet shooting, laser tag, remote controlled cars on race tracks, 3D archery, axe throwing, drone flying, miniature golf, disc golf and electric motor assisted bikes. All equipment and instructions are provided. Visit PipestemAdventures.com for more information.



The state’s only National Park is the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. It is home to the spectacular New River Gorge Bridge. Once each year on Bridge Day, base jumping is allowed and features hundreds of

elite parachuters leaping to a landing 800 feet below. The bridge is also the jumping off point for rappelling and highline ziplining. Year-round, adventurers can walk across on a small catwalk just below the roadway (with a harness for safety).



Ace Adventure Resort is adjacent to the New River and the National Park. The resort offers 1,500 acres of wonderland for world-class whitewater adventures and activities such as ATV tours, fishing, mud obstacle course, aerial park and paddleboarding. In addition to guided tours, Ace offers over 50 cabin accommodations for visitors and all the amenities travelers need.

Visitors can enjoy their favorite adventures and indulge in new activities that will be the source of memories not soon forgotten in the wonderland of West Virginia.

Pipestem activities can be booked by calling 1-833-WV-Parks (1-833-987-2757) or visiting wvstateparks.com.

Ace Adventure Resort reservations are available on their site AceRaft.com or by calling 800-787-3982.

REPORT: NHTSA ISSUES ITS LATEST RUNDOWN OF RV RECALLS

By: RVBusiness | Published on: Aug 2, 2021

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

- ShowHauler Trucks Inc. is recalling 44 2018-2020 Garage Coach, Motorhome, and Toter Coach vehicles equipped with Hehr 6400 Series Windows. The adhesive that bonds the vented portion of the window may fail.
- Newell Coach Corp. is recalling 19 2008-2022 P50 vehicles. The adhesive that bonds the vented portion of the window may fail.

- Daimler Trucks North America LLC is recalling 449 2022 Freightliner XB Chassis and 2021-2022 Freightliner XC Chassis vehicles equipped with Cummins L9 Diesel Engines that have remote Stage 2 fuel filters and pressurized hoses. A fuel leak may occur from the fuel hose between the fuel pump and the remote fuel filter head.
- Heartland Recreational Vehicles LLC is recalling 649 2021 North Trail and Mallard recreational trailers. The refrigerator roof vents were not routed properly during production.
- Shyft Group is recalling 309 2021-2022 Spartan RV Chassis K2 vehicles equipped with Cummins L9 Diesel Engines that have remote Stage 2 fuel filters and pressurized hoses. A fuel leak may occur from the fuel hose between the fuel pump and the remote fuel filter head.
- Eclipse Recreational Vehicles Inc. is recalling 500 2020-2021 Attitude, Stellar, and Iconic trailers equipped with Dometic S31, R731, and R2131 3-burner cooking stoves. The saddle valve securing bolt may be overtightened, possibly damaging the o-ring seal and causing a continuous gas leak.

CANADIAN CAMPING APPRECIATION WEEKEND COMING SOON

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Aug 12, 2021

Set for Sept. 10-12, Canadian Camping Appreciation Weekend is a national initiative coordinated by the [Canadian Camping and RV Council \(CCRVC\)](#) for members to thank their campers for their patronage over the past camping season and to help celebrate the Camping and RV lifestyle.

Private Campgrounds in Canada will be able to participate in the Camping Appreciation Weekend from coast to coast, many offering discounted programs in support of [Care Camps](#), a charity that sends Canadian kids battling cancer to specialized oncology camps where they can enjoy nature, childhood, and fun.



“CCRVC looked at the opportunity to help Care Camps and assist with their mandate to offer children with cancer the chance to go camping as a true privilege and something that we really wanted to be a part of. We are truly honoured and proud to be a partner of Care Camps and we are looking forward to further developing our relationship in the future,” said Cara Csizmadia, CCRVC’s membership and benefits coordinator.

Campers can access a special weekend stay offer of two-nights, get the third night at 50% off at participating campgrounds. Half of the third night’s revenue will be donated to [Care Camps](#) to help kids with cancer go to camp to find hope and healing in the outdoors.

“The importance of Private Campgrounds has certainly been amplified during the COVID 19 pandemic when more and more Canadians looked at camping for the first time as a safe and healthy way to get outdoors and vacation responsibly” said Shane Devenish, CCRVC’s executive director. “Campgrounds have offered the opportunity for families to spend time together, create lifelong memories, and discover Canada’s natural landscape and they have never been as important to the well being of Canadians as they have demonstrated over

the last 2 years.”

To learn more about participating in Canadian Camping Appreciation Weekend, Campgrounds, RV Dealers and Manufacturers can visit – <https://ccrvc.ca/event/2021-camping-appreciation-weekend/>

About CCRVC

The Canadian Camping and RV Council is comprised of the Provincial Campground Owners Associations, the Canadian RV Association and the RVDA of Canada to provide for the betterment and support of Private Campgrounds and the Camping and RV Industry in Canada. The Association also serves as the national advocacy voice of Private Campgrounds.



The Canadian RV and Camping Industry contributes over \$6.2 billion to the economy, employs 67,000 individuals, contributes over \$3.4 Billion to Canadian Tourism, and has seen its popularity boom amongst consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

About Care Camps

Since its inception, Care Camps has raised more than \$18 million so kids can attend camp free of charge, with no additional cost to their already financially burdened families. Through its charitable fundraising efforts, Care Camps will provide necessary support to send kids with cancer to medically supervised cancer camps where they can have fun, build awesome friendships, feel the joy that comes from camping and spending time in nature, make memories that will help them heal and ultimately return home feeling renewed and filled with hope.

RVC OUTDOOR DESTINATIONS HONORED BY USA TODAY READERS

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Aug 2, 2021

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — [Garden of the Gods RV Resort](#) in Colorado Springs, Colorado, [Medina Highpoint Resort](#) in Medina, Texas, and [Pigeon Forge Landing RV Resort](#) in Sevierville, Tennessee were named No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9 Best Luxury RV Resort respectively in the 2021 USA TODAY 10Best Readers’ Choice travel award contest.

The nomination was made by an expert panel with a list of 20 Best Luxury RV Resort nominees for the public to vote for over a four-week time period.

The panel consisted of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from USA TODAY; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties.

10Best.com provides users with original, unbiased, and experiential travel content of top attractions, things to see and do, and restaurants for top destinations in the U.S. and around the world. The core of the site’s uniqueness is its team of local travel experts: a well-traveled and well-educated group who are not only experts in their fields — and their cities — but discriminating in their tastes. These local experts live in the city they write about so the content is constantly updated.

“It is an honor to have three resorts from RVC Outdoor Destinations distinguished by USA TODAY 10Best Readers’ Choice,” said Lloyd Lauland, President at RVC Outdoor Destinations. “In a year when more Americans than ever are getting outdoors, camping and taking road trips across our beautiful country, it is an

even greater honor to be counted among the best in RV luxury offerings. We look forward to welcoming many more travelers in experiencing the great outdoors.”

About RVC Outdoor Destinations

RVC Outdoor Destinations is the leading outdoor hospitality provider in the country. RVC develops, owns and operates upscale outdoor vacation properties located within some of the country’s most beautiful natural settings, from the Great Smoky Mountains to Yosemite National Park, spanning from California to Pennsylvania. Based in Memphis, Tennessee, RVC was founded in 2006 and features nine family-friendly resorts, spanning nine states in its portfolio. The brand is redefining the conventional camping experience by giving guests a way to experience the outdoors on their own terms. Its wide variety of affordable lodging options, including RV sites, yurts, cabins and cottages, allow guests the freedom to camp with some creature comforts. For more information on RVC Outdoor Destinations, please visit <https://rvcoutdoors.com/> or follow the vacation resort company on social media: Instagram (@rvcoutdoors) and Facebook (@rvcoutdoors).

RVTI AND ‘RVSPOTDROP’ FEATURED ON ‘CAMPER REPORT SHOW’

By: [RVBusiness](#)|Published on: Aug 2, 2021

The “Camper Report Show” is a weekly feature of [Camper Report](#), which is part of the [RV LIFE](#) family of RVing websites that provide [RV forums](#), [RV trip planning tools](#) and [mobile apps](#), and one of the largest [campground databases](#) around. Co-hosted by Bob Zagami and John DiPietro – RV industry veterans in their own right – the Camper Report Show has partnered with RVBusiness by providing RV industry insider information – supplied exclusively by *RVB*.

In this episode of the Camper Report Show, Zagami and DiPietro feature [RVSpotDrop](#), an automated system that finds site openings directly from the campgrounds in the area you need. The two also discuss the growing career opportunities in the RV

industry with the president of RV Technical Institute, Curt Hemmeler, and the benefits of correctional trade career paths.

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RECORD CAMPING PARTICIPATION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE INTO FALL

By: [RVBusiness](#)|Published on: Aug 3, 2021

Amid the ongoing pandemic and shifts toward outdoor recreation, campgrounds and RV parks report a major surge in bookings, a trend that is likely to continue for many years to come, [according to a News & Insights report](#) by the RV Industry Association (RVIA).

A recent survey of 2,100 campgrounds and RV parks nationwide performed by [CampgroundViews.com](#) found that 39% of locations report a 20-49% increase in advanced bookings for late summer and early fall. An additional 23% of locations report an increase of more than 50%. The results of the survey confirm that camping will remain one of the most popular forms of travel during 2021, with no signs of letting up.



“We are up 36% in forward bookings, with many still booking for this September and October, and for 2022 already,” said Billie McNamara, general manager of Loon’s Haven Family Campground in Maine. “Our weekends are fully booked until the week after Labor Day and hardly any weekdays are available, as well.”

The continuing surge in camper participation is tracking directly with the record RV sales and shipments reported by the RVIA. Vacationing in the outdoors, – particularly camping and RV travel – has become the hottest travel trend in 2021. Even prior to COVID shutdowns, the industry was experiencing rapid growth in participation; and the pandemic has supercharged this cycle.

“Tools like our new Campground Virtual Tours are

quickly gaining favor as more tech-savvy travellers seek out lesser-known campgrounds,” said Mark Koep, Founder and CEO of Laramie-based CampgroundViews.com. ”Through 360 video and augmented reality technology, we are improving the camper experience by empowering travelers to see and click to book their next campsite.”

CampgroundViews.com is a search engine for discovering the perfect campsite with a focus on visual data. The company launched the new campground virtual tours and has quickly amassed an active tour library equal to 25% of Recreation.gov family campgrounds. The company also heads the largest organization of outdoor hospitality professionals in the world, with a goal of improving their operations and expertise to better serve campers.

“In an uncertain world, the outdoor hospitality industry has served as a viable escape for hundreds of millions of travelers around the world,” added Koep. “We expect the industry to continue its record pace well into 2022.”

CampgroundViews.com aims to take the mystery out of discovering and booking campgrounds, and become the world’s best resource for falling in love with the outdoors. See it in action at CampgroundViews.com.

KEYSTONE RV TO ADD SOLAR POWER AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT

By: RVBusiness | Published on: Aug 12, 2021



announced today (Aug. 12).

The move was guided by Keystone’s core mission of leveraging consumer insights to quickly bring industry-changing innovation to market, according to a release.

GOSHEN, Ind. – This fall, Keystone RV will become the first major towable RV manufacturer to offer solar power as standard equipment on all travel trailers and fifth-wheel RVs, the THOR Industries Inc. subsidiary an-

“Over the past few years, we’ve seen demand for solar power skyrocket. As the market continues to expand and groups like Harvest Hosts, Campendium and Hipcamp offer non-traditional camp sites, we expect this trend to accelerate,” said Josh Miller, vice president of sales.

“We saw an opportunity for Keystone to set a much higher bar for comprehensive, affordable, state-of-the-art RV solar energy systems,” said General Manager Matt Christensen, who championed the project.

With the exception of Keystone’s destination trailers, all brands will feature one of four new [SolarFlex solar energy packages](#) that scale up in terms of energy collection, charging speed, energy storage, and power availability. The Keystone Innovation Lab partnered with RV solar energy experts, Future Solutions, to bring a more user-focused solar power solution to the RV industry.

“Because Future Solutions is an independent, hands-on RV solar upfitter, they had the practical knowledge and experience to develop the customer-focused systems we were looking for. With the freedom to pick and choose the best individual components and technologies for owners and dealers, we were able to design a seamless solution with products we trusted,” said Jon Brock, lead innovation engineer at Keystone.

Each of the [SolarFlex packages](#) was developed to be easily expandable as campers learn more about how they want to use solar energy. The [Keystone website](#) offers expansion ideas and all components can be purchased through authorized Keystone dealers. A set common component across all Keystone brands reduces complexity for dealers and streamlines the installation of aftermarket upgrades.

As a part of the SolarFlex launch, Keystone is rolling out [customer education](#) initiatives, dealer sales training via [Keystone IGNITE™](#), dealer service training on Keystone’s [Tech’s Digital Toolbox](#) and Key Express, as well as parts ordering and stocking programs.

“This was a massive effort that involved nearly every part of our organization. Engineering, manufacturing, purchasing, quality assurance, customer

service, and marketing worked together to create what we believe will be the highest quality, best supported solar power program on the market for years to come,” said Jeff Runels, president and CEO. “Programs like SolarFlex are where the expertise, depth and size of our company really shine.”

SolarFlex will be launching on Keystone brands through October 2021.

Products

WINGAMM BRINGING LINE OF LUXURY COMPACT RV'S TO AMERICA

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[Wingamm](#), a leading provider of luxury compact RVs in Europe, today (Aug. 5) announced it is bringing one of Europe's most sought after and innovative motorhomes to the US market to meet the demand of US buyers for more compact and luxurious motorhomes.

The Wingamm Oasi 540 is the first Micro Class RV (vehicles less than 18 feet long that can sleep four people and with a full indoor bathroom) available for sale in the United States, according to a release. Wingamm's expansion to the US will be through an exclusive distribution deal with TM Motorhome Sales, LLC. Wingamm will be launching with its most compact model, the Oasi 540, and sales will start in California and New Jersey with a planned nationwide expansion.



“My vision has always been to bring my family owned brand of compact European motorhomes to America. We are currently sold in 15 countries throughout Europe and Asia and the US was always the next step on our roadmap. Our plan came together when I met Tony Diamond and the TM Motorhome Sales team about two years ago at our headquarters in Verona, Italy. Tony was very enthusiastic about the changing trends in how Americans want to live and travel and the gap in the compact RV market that Wingamm could fill. It has taken persistence and innovation from our team of amazing engineers and consultants in both Italy and the US to create a Wingamm Oasi 540 for the US market and now it is officially coming to America,” said Lorena Turri, CEO of Wingamm.

In just the last few weeks, as word spread organically that Wingamm's Oasi 540 (a YouTube sensation with a single video of the motorhome garnering 3.5 million views) is coming to America, the US office has been inundated with over 3,500 phone calls and emails from interested buyers. The waitlist has grown to over 550 buyers and counting. Additionally, over 30 RV dealers including some of America's largest have been in contact with TM Motorhome Sales seeking to become a Wingamm dealer.

“When we first met with Lorena and her team, we were in development on a tech enabled on-demand RV rental concept called Squirrel – think Lime or Bird Scooter but with RV's. We had scoured the globe, evaluat-

ing every RV model in the US, Germany, France, UK and Italy, looking for the most compact, luxurious and technologically advanced motorhome in the world. As soon as we saw the Wingamm Oasi 540, we knew we had found it. From there, the partnership evolved with Lorena and we became the distributor for Wingamm in North America. Our go to market strategy is for Wingamm's line of motorhomes to be displayed in desirable malls across America alongside other innovative consumer brands like Apple, Tesla, and Peleton. We are launching initially in California (Los Angeles) and in New Jersey with a national rollout by 2023," says Tony Diamond, Co-Owner of TM Motorhome Sales.

What sets Wingamm and the Oasi 540 apart from all other manufacturers globally is its custom fiberglass monocoque shell. The monocoque shell not only gives the Oasi 540 its distinct sleek and handsome charm, but it allows for innovation in nearly every aspect of the design and functionality, most notably the compact size. Four other standouts of the Wingamm Oasi 540 are its bedroom, bathroom, sewage system and climate control.

"There is already a bit of a frenzy since the news of the Oasi 540 coming to America was announced. To understand the fervor from buyers and dealers alike it's important to have context for what makes Wingamm so special. A CEO of one of America's largest RV brands has admitted that Europe is about 15 years ahead of the US in terms of design. But Wingamm is a standalone globally, not just in the US," says Diamond.

Key Features of the Oasi 540 include:

Size – The Wingamm Oasi 540 is only 17 '9 " long. For context, a standard parking space in the US is 19' long and most Ford F-150 pick-up trucks are longer. Turri and Diamond believe that all arrows – the Vanlife phenomenon, remote work, the trend toward mobility and experiential living and the high cost of apartments in major cities – point toward living and working from an Oasi 540 as an enticing value proposition. And because of its compact size, you can #vanlife in major cities as well as in nature.

Bed – All US class B motorhomes built inside existing Mercedes Sprinters, Ford Transits and Dodge Pro-master cargo vans either have a tent pop top bed or a bed that uses up a large portion of the valuable living space. The Wingamm Oasi 540 does neither. Wingamm's custom fiberglass monocoque shell allowed their designers and engineers to reimagine the concept of a bed in an RV. By recessing the bed into the ceiling when it is not being used and then elegantly protracting it down when needed, Wingamm created more useable floorplan space for a larger and more functional kitchen, bathroom and dining/living room.



Bathroom – The bathroom leaves nothing to be desired. It is like one found in a hotel – albeit a tad smaller. There is a standing shower, sink and vanity with countertop space, toilet and medicine cabinet with mirror. To have a full bathroom in a motorhome this small is unheard of anywhere in the world.

Sewage System – Wingamm's innovative cassette sewage system is a game changer. Sewage disposal is a major pain point in the RV industry. Wingamm's sewage cassette system plugs into the exterior side of the van and when engaged has a cata-

lyst inside that rapidly breaks down the matter into an easily disposable liquid. When full, the cassette can be removed from the side of the van and wheeled like a carry-on suitcase into any bathroom in America where it can be simply emptied into a toilet and flushed.

Climate Control and Acoustics – The Oasi 540 has radiant floor heating like you would find in the bathroom of a luxury hotel or state-of-the-art home. In both winter and summer, the monocoque shell provides superior insulation because, unlike metal used in all other Class B motorhomes, fiberglass is not a thermal conductor; there is no temperature dispersion from the inside to the outside. The result is unmatched thermal comfort and huge savings in terms of energy consumption. The monocoque cabin, in combination with a proprietary structural sealant, also eliminates the vibrations and frictional noises that plague the drivers of most motorhomes.

To learn more visit, <https://www.wingamm.com/us/>



DOODLE HOG



People tend to go camping to enjoy the peacefulness of nature and take a break from the normal hustle and bustle of life. While most adults are content with doing things they normally do at home, kids on the other hand, can start getting antsy to do things they normally do at home. Instead of supplying them with battery operated and screened devices like phones, iPads and other electronics, you can set them up with Doodle Hog's wide variety of art supplies and crafting kits. The company makes rock painting kits, friendship bracelet kits, squishy painting kits, sidewalk chalk kits as well as tie dye kits and a wide range of markers and crayons.



outdoor recreations and just sitting around enjoying the beautiful scenery, kids on the other hand, can start getting antsy to do things they normally do at home. Instead of supplying them with battery operated and screened devices like phones, iPads and other electronics, you can set them up with Doodle Hog's wide variety of art supplies and crafting kits. The company makes rock painting kits, friendship bracelet kits, squishy painting kits, sidewalk chalk kits as well as tie dye kits and a wide range of markers and crayons.

Farewells



George Duncan. 90, 7-29-21, Edmund, Oklahoma. He and Late wife, Norma were active in Kansas Campers Assn. and Chapters in Emporia, Kansas.



Kathleen Kennedy, 74, 7-30-21, Mableton, Georgia. Served as a nurse in United States Air Force, Played Clarinet in FCRV Band at past Campventions.



Jim Trussler, 96, Greenwood, South Carolina, Long time member. Enjoyed travels with wife, Dot. Attended many Retiree Rallies.



Lucy Marks, 90, 8-16-21.. Arnaudville, Louisiana. Late husband, John was one of the well known LA Marks Brothers who provided fun at rallies and campouts for many years.





UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 16-19, 2021 - PA Retirees Rally -

PA State Retiree Campout at Bald Eagle Ridge Runners Campground in Beech Creek, PA Thursday night BBQ supper (bring dessert), games, cash bingo. Vegetable soup, Friday night supper. Bring item for brown bag auction and snacks for hospitality. There will be entertainment and a horse racing game. Sunday breakfast will be cooked by the Bald Eagle Ridge Runners. For further information contact Norman Wolfrom, NWolfrom@veizon.net 570-220-9682

OCTOBER

October 24-27, 2021-Texas Chapter 89

Bedrock RV Park, 1995 VZCR 1803 Grand Saline, Texas Phone 903-372-1452. CAMPING FEE \$31.00/night cash or check fee for credit card (camp 7 nights pay for 6).Lawrence Phillips,10294 Sleepy Hollow Rd.Terrell, TX 75161, 214-668-4825 pamphillips@netzero.com ***PARKING WILL BE HOBO-IF YOU WANT TO CAMP TOGETHER PLAN TO ARRIVE TOGETHER**

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MARCH

March 29 - April 3, 2022 - 50th International Retiree Rally

Mineola Civic Center, 1150 North Newsom St., Mineola, Texas Registration form attached

JULY

July 10-15, 2022 - International Campvention 2022

Colorado State Fairgrounds, 1001 Beulah Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004. Registration form attached

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RALLY STARTS: MARCH 29 TO APRIL 3, 2022
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PLEASE FILL IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION SEND: PDF: _____ WORD: _____
MAIL: _____

REGISTERING FOR:

CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: MOTEL STAY: _____ ON GROUNDS CP: _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____
IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY: YES: _____ NO: _____ ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: _____ NO: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____ (MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WITH THE REGISTRA:) UP TO DATE: DOCTOR'S
CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE OR HANDICAPPED PLACARD. THIS AREA IS
RESERVED
FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

RATES: REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 11, 2022. ALL ATTENDING MUST REGISTER
EITHER BEFORE OR AT THE GATE. EARLY DAY FEE OF \$35 PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED IN MINEOLA
INCLUDED IN PRICE: FILL HOOK-UP, (30/50 amp), WI-FI, ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 DINNERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND LOTS
OF FUN.

	<u>BEFORE DEADLINE</u>	<u>AFTER DEADLINE: MARCH 11</u>
2 PEOPLE IN UNIT	\$290	\$300
1 PERSON IN UNIT	\$260	\$270
***CAMP PASS: ON GROUNDS STAYING IN SOMEONES RV. (MUST PAY \$5 PER DAY, PER PERSON FOR EARLY DAYS,)		
2 PEOPLE	\$200	
1 PERSON	\$100	
CAMP PASS MOTEL STAY:		
2 PEOPLE	\$200	
1 PERSON	\$100	

REFUNDS: ALL BUT \$25 WILL BE REFUNDED IF RECEIVED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE DEADLINE
ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED.

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY PAYABLE TO: 2022 FCRV RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED: MAIL TO
BILL AND PENNY RAMLOW, 8371 NIGHT OWL DR, RIVERVIEW, FL. 33569. YOU CAN CONTACT THEM AT: 305-822-
6589 OR 813-545 6083. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE. EMAIL AT pramlow@aol.com

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: _____



July 10 - 15, 2022
62nd FCRV Campvention
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Colorado State Fairgrounds
1001 Beulah Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004
Campvention Days: July 10 - 15, 2022



EARLY BIRD DAYS: July 8 & 9, 2022 - \$35.00 per night (Pay upon Arrival at Central Registration - Cash or Check)
6 Nights of Camping - Sunday thru Friday - 5 Days of Activities

ALL PARKING WILL BE HOBO STYLE. YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A SITE UPON ARRIVAL.
NO EXCEPTIONS

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: June 1, 2022

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St/Prv _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Is this your first Campvention? YES ___ NO ___

of Adults _____ Young Adults _____ Teens _____ Youth 9-12 _____ Youth 5-8 _____ Youth 0-4 _____

Total # of people in Unit _____

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING

On Friday, July 8th - Gates open at NOON to 7 pm. On Saturday & Sunday, July 9th - 10th, Gates open at 8 am to 6 pm
After gates close go to overflow lot across the street from the gate.

SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Are you requesting a Special Needs Site? Yes ___ No ___ There **will not** be any special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and week/day passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds **MUST BE US currency—ONLY Checks and Money Orders will be accepted. NO CREDIT CARDS.** Please indicate the unit owner's name if attending as second family in unit: _____

Type of Registration	Registration Fee	At Gate	Type of Unit:
One family in unit	\$335.00	\$365.00	Motor Home _____
Extra family in unit	\$160.00	\$175.00	5th Wheel _____
Week Pass (Not Camping)	\$175.00	\$190.00	Travel Trailer _____
Daily Pass (Not Camping)	\$40.00 per day # of days _____ x \$40.00	\$45.00	Pop-Up _____
			Tent _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Colorado Chapters of FCRV

Mail To: Jeff Kendle - 2278 Dogwood Circle - Erie, CO 80516

Questions, contact Jeff or Shirley Kendle at: 303-717-9339 or email camppueblo2022@gmail.com

REFUND POLICY: If you are unable to attend, all except \$25.00 will be refunded.

Total Amount Enclosed:

Check Amt \$ _____ + Mdse Cert \$ _____ = \$ _____

Check the box if you plan on attending:

Red Hat Luncheon ☐

Cowboy Hat Luncheon ☐

Check the box if you are a member of the Ambassador Club: ☐

We would like to volunteer for the following jobs: _____

There will always be room for you at Campvention! If you decide to come at the last minute, bring the registration form with you. We Want You To JOIN US for a week full of FUN!!