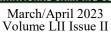
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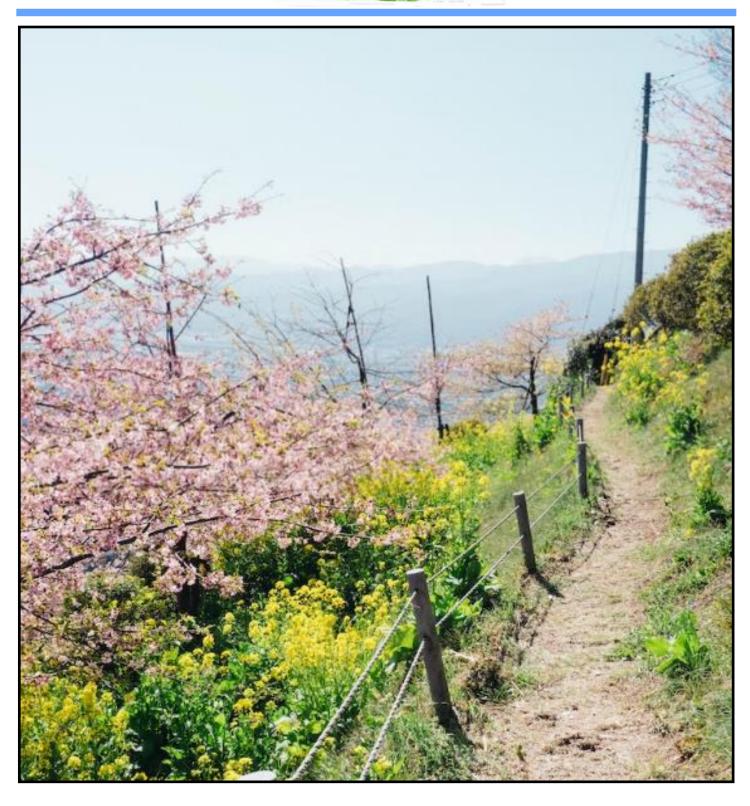








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2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Mar 28 - Apr 2	National Retiree Rally	National Peanut Festival Fairground, Dothan, AL
May 18 - 21	Colorado Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, CO
Jun 5 - 9	Colorado Retiree Rally	Falcon/Colorado Springs KOA 14010 Judge Orr Road Peyton, CO 80831
Jul 9 - 14	Campvention 2023	Wayne County Fairgrounds & Expo Center, Richmond, IN
Sep 10 - 14	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO
Sep 14 - 17	Colorado Fall Campout	Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO

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FIRESIDE EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

Jan - Feb	Dec 15th
Mar - Apr	Feb 15th
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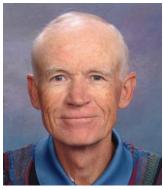
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Recipes must be typed.

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IN REMEMBRANCE



Scott Lee 11/20/1951 - 04/15/2016 Member of the Rocky Toppers



Byron Johnston
Jan 30, 1934 - Jan 6, 2023
Member of Colorado Eagles, former
members of Mile High Gypsies, and
Gypsies.
Also former State Director of
Nebraska



Ray Dean Shields June 20, 1929 - March 8, 2023 Former Colorado Insignia Directors and Colorado Members. Also FCRV-National President 1980 - 1982

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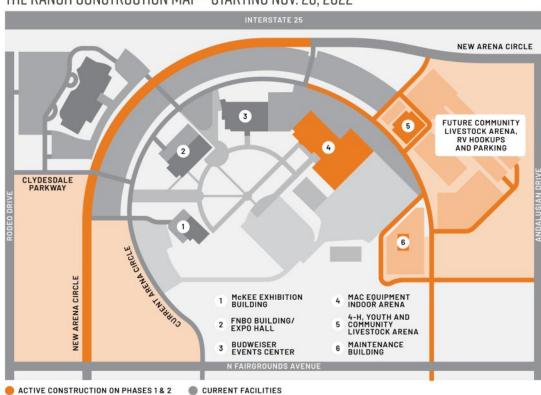
DON'T FORGET To Stay Informed

Update your home address and email address with Colorado FCRV

Let us know at

coloradofcrv1@gmail.com

The Ranch - Larimer County's Event Center is undergoing major renovations. Renovations are already underway for 83 new RV hookup sites. All new spaces will have electrical with 50-, 30-, and 20- amp hookups. Sanitary sewer lines and water will be available at 38 of the spaces, and a dump station will be available for all other locations. Anticipated completion: January 2024



THE RANCH CONSTRUCTION MAP - STARTING NOV. 28, 2022





Colorado FCRV is in need of VOLUNTEERS

The "HELP (Volunteer) WANTED" sign is still out there We desperately need volunteers for the following positions.

Colorado State Director
Teen Director & Assistant Teen Director
Historian
State Secretary
Conservation Director
State Chaplain

For further information, contact Shirley at coloradofcrv1@gmail.com

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We encourage all Colorado FCRV members to support this sponsor when you need their products or services.



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SPRING FLING FLEA MARKET IS BACK

Once again we will be having the Flea Market so bring all your gently used items to donate, so we can sell tham back to you!!

The market will be open from Friday and Saturday afternoon from noon - 5:00 pm . Just about anything will be accepted—kitchen items, garden tools, RV stuff, books, records/cd's/dvds/ toys, small pieces of furniture are just some examples of what you can bring.

- All items must be in good shape and CLEAN.
- Nothing excessively large.
- · No clothes.
- Unsold items to be donated to a local thrift store or charity.

Going to Spring Fling?

Join the Arbor Day Farm/Village Campout – May 21-27, 2023

in Nebraska City, NE (approx. 450 miles east of Brush)

We will leave Brush directly after Spring Fling on May 21 and drive across Nebraska to **Victorian Acres RV Park** in **Nebraska City**. There are 5 full days to visit the Arbor Day Farm/Village with its walking paths & tree houses & greenhouse & history house & gift shop & kids playground; the Lewis-Clark Museum; and the Windmill Factory.

This is an official Silver Foxes campout, so you can visit the sites with the group, or on your own schedule. We'll also have some "together times" at the campground.

On May 27, if you wish to caravan back, we will be stopping for the night at **Creekside Resort** in **Hays**, **Kansas**. This is on the route for those of us returning to the Southern Colorado area.

Make your own camping reservations with the information below, but please let us know if you intend to go, and if you want to caravan or simply join us in Nebraska City. Our phone # is: Elbert & Eileen Carter, 719-660-1746 (C)

Victorian Acres RV Park

(victorianacresrvpark.com)

Nebraska City, NE

Call 402-873-6866 (9am-5pmCT) to reserve
as part of Silver Foxes (RESERVE SOON)

(must pay all upfront, but cancellation possible)

Creek Side Resort Hays, Kansas

reeksidehays.com overnight stop for those caravanning back

APPLICATION FORM FOR VENDOR BOOTHS/PROJECT SALES

If you are planning on having a vendor booth at Spring Fling, please attach this application to your registration form and indicate whether you need electricity or not. We are very limited on space in the building so please register your booth along with your camping registration so that we can plan ahead of time.

If you are going to need space for your **chapter project sales, including raffles, or 50/50's** please let us know that as well by attaching this form to your camping registration. Tables will be available for chapter project sales.

If you do not need electricity, please don't set up your booth along the outside walls.

Commercial vendors must include the fees for your booth along with your registration to Shirley Kendle. **Commercial vendors need to furnish their own tables.**

Because we will be using the tables and chairs on Friday evening, we ask that you don't claim your space for chapter sells until Saturday morning.

Only one person from the chapter needs to register for the chapter project sales.

Name		_ Chapter	
Address	City	State	
Phone			Vendor Booth Fees for each 10 x 10 space
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Chapter Project Sales: (Chapters do not pay a be			50/50
With Electricity	Without Electricity _		

Don't Forget to Bring the Following to Spring Fling

Can Goods, Non-Perishable Food Items, or cash for the Brush Food Drive

Bring Fishing Poles for Casting Contest

Bring finger type foods for the get-together on Thursday afternoon

Bring nickels for Polish Poker on Friday evening

Pop Tabs from aluminum cans

Spring Fling Happenings

Thursday afternoon - Bring a snack to share. Ice Tea will be furnished.

Friday afternoon - Snack furnished by Colorado FCRV.

Potluck Dinner - Friday - Bring a main dish and side dish to share. Plates, napkins, plasticware will be available. Bring your own drinks.

Friday Evening - Polish Poker—Bring Nickels

Saturday - Chapter Sales - Chapters have signed up to sell CiderBrats, Ice Cream, and Nachos. The Wheel game and Can game will also be back in addition to several 50/50's.

Saturday Youth - Youth Camping Is Posters and/or Conservation Posters. Games and Crafts.

Games - In addition to Cribbage, Casting, Polish Poker, Kubb, and more, new games of Bucket Ball, Fly Swatter Badminton, and Card Bingo will be offered. Puzzles, boardgames will be available during the day.

Seminars - Working on getting some seminars scheduled for Saturday.

Saturday Evening - Card Bingo - Bring \$1.00 bills.

Sunday - Church Services & Memory Bell.

Camp Stars Happenings

In December the Camp Stars traveled to the Windsor Christmas Tree Farm for our annual Christmas party (and planning meeting). This was a great party planned by Margaret and Tricia. There was a nice heated building which we could use for our pot luck, but also useful as a "warming hut" for the outdoor activities. And the outdoor activities made this party special, because the owner took folks on several hay rides during the evening and provided a bonfire for our enjoyment. Everyone had a really good time.









In January the group went to the Model Train Museum in Greeley, followed by a visit to the Village Inn for dinner (or in my case a giant late breakfast). I am amazed by the detail they put into the giant train layout. Here are pictures of the layout showing Forest Service fighting a forest fire







ROLLING SPRINGS

The Rolling Springs are doing great things, 2023 is going to be fun. New Years eve we came to be together to celebrate life, friends and family. January 2023 is off with a promise of hope. Hope for the best camping spots, sunshine, rain to come in the middle of the night, camp fires to bring us together and more idea's I'm sure you can think of too. Let's keep changing things up and moving forward.



COLORADO VIEWFINDERS

Colorado ViewFinder 2023

The ViewFinder's ended 2022 with some magnificent celebrations and have some major plans for 2023. Here are just a few of the locations we plan to eat or camp at in the coming months....



We welcome our new members and plan on lots of laughs and memories to be found in 2023!

CHAPTER NEWS TRAILBLAZERS

We are enjoying getting together in the winter months for luncheons and meetings. In November, we were all so thankful that Golden Corral reopened in Colorado Springs.



Christmas was celebrated during our December luncheon and meeting. Christmas bags were provided for everyone. Members bring cards and many include cookies, candy, and other treats to fill the bags. With everyone being so generous, our bags have gotten bigger over the years! We make sure that those unable to attend, receive their bags before Christmas.







In January, Rod Rau was installed as President of the Trailblazers. We appreciate Rod answering the call! We'd like to thank Jerry Ludke for serving the last two years as President. Jerry, we are going to miss how you started and ended each of our meetings with great jokes and stories!

We are all looking forward to the 2023 camping season. Our destinations will be the Pueblo South KOA; Raton, NM; Westcliffe, CO; Cripple Creek, CO; Gunnison, CO; Buena Vista, CO; and La Veta, CO.

Happy camping and travel safe!

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary

Rambl'n Recs

January the Rambl'n Rec's gathered at the Olive Garden in Littleton, CO. A BIG thank you to Bobbie DeHaan for organizing everything. Food was amazing, service was great, and it was awesome having our own room which made it so easy to discuss upcoming camping plans.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ken and Karen Fleming on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Their kids threw them a surprise 60th wedding celebration. Their daughter, Alicia, sent me some pictures to share with everyone.





Ken and Karen shared stories of how they met and all about their wedding day. Let me tell you, folks, it was a Hallmark story all the way from love at 1st sight to *Happily Ever After*!

Submitted by Barbara Newsome

WOODLAND WOOKIES February 2023

Woodland Wookies attended the Cripple Creek Ice Carving Festival for February! Then enjoyed the German old time" Gold Camp Deli & Bakery" in Victor.



WOODLAND WOOKIES March 2023

For Our Fun March Adventure The Woodland Wookies headed to Leadville, CO to Enjoy watching Skijoring









Riddle #1

A wealthy family lived in a big circular house. They had a maid, a butler, and a gardener. The parents were going to a party, so they tucked the younger kids into bed and kissed them goodnight and said goodbye and kissed the older kids' goodnight. When the parents came home, all the kids were gone—they had been kidnapped. The authorities ask the butler, maid, and gardener what they were doing at the time of the kidnapping. The butler says he was organizing the library, the maid says she was dusting the corners, and the gardener says he was watering the plants.

Who's lying and kidnapped the kids?

Riddle #2:

What are the 2 longest words in the English language that can be typed using only your left hand on the keyboard?

How many animals do you see?



Answer: 1: Stewardesses 2: Reverberated

Riddle #2:

are no corners.

The maid—she said she was dusting the corners, but the family lives in a circular house, so there

Riddle #1: Answer



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2023 Colorado's 36th Spring Fling May 18 - 21, 2023 Morgan County Fairgrounds - Brush, CO

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Camping Fees: Families \$65 or Singles \$55 At the gate: Families \$70 or Singles \$60 After you park, sign-in at the information table in the main building.

Camping fees are for 3 nights and includes a \$25.00 Registration fee

DAY ONLY: \$5.00 per family. When you arrive, please register at the information table in the main building and pay your daily fee.

This is **DRY Camping** - Water is available dump station available at the park next to the fairground

Two families attending Spring Fling and camping in one unit and/or campsite.

The 1st family MUST submit a registration form & pay the camping fee which includes the \$25.00 registration fee.

The 2nd family MUST submit a registration form & pay the registration fee of \$25.00.

Deadline to pre-register is May 2, 2023

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Gates will open on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

For Specific Directions to Morgan County Fairgrounds go to the Colorado FCRV Website (Colorado FCRV.com)

Go northeast on I-76 out of Denver, take exit 90A and turn right on Colorado. Go south on Colorado to the dead end (two granaries are at the end of the street) and turn right, go one block to the next stop sign, turn left on Clayton St., go left over the railroad tracks, turn right on Ellsworth, go a couple of blocks and turn left into the Fairgrounds.

2023 Colorado Fall Campout September 14th - 17th Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA, Pueblo, CO

Camping Fees: Between \$43.00 and \$48.00 per night depending on the size of the site. Sites will be assigned by the KOA staff. This includes a 20% discount. DO NOT SEND any camping fees, the KOA will call and get your credit card number for one night's deposit. If you cancel your reservation, there is a \$10.00 cancellation fee charge.

Some cabins may also be available.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per adult

Registration fees are nonrefundable (used to help pay for the building rental)

DAY ONLY: \$15.00 per adult (payable to Colorado FCRV)

Deadline to pre-register is JULY 15, 2023 Please print

Last Name	First Name		
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Chapter	Total # Persons in Unit		_
Are you attending the Southern Colo	rado 2023 FCRV Retiree Rally: Ye	es	No
Arriving: Thursday - Sep 14th	_ Friday - Sep 15th		
Departure Date is: Sunday, Sep 17th	n. If departing a different date, en	ter date here.	
Name	•		
Name			
Children Attending (Ages 2 - 19)			
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Type of RV Motorhome Travel Tra	iler 5th Wheel Tent Trailer L	ength	Number of Slides
50 Amp Req Yes No	_ Special Needs Area: Rest Ro	om	Main Hall

SOUTHERN COLORADO 2023 FCRV RETIREE RALLY

September 10-14 2023 (Sunday - Thursday)

FOR RETIREES IN ANY COLORADO CHAPTER

Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA – I-25 Exit 174

Camping fees are between \$43.00 and \$48.00 per night depending on the size of the site <u>ASSIGNED</u> by the KOA staff. This includes a 20% discount. <u>DO NOT SEND</u> any camping fees, the KOA will call and get your credit card number for one night's deposit. If you cancel your reservation, there is a \$10.00 cancellation fee charge. Some cabins may also be available.



REGISTRATION FEE of \$15.00 PER PERSON helps pay for the main hall rental and entertainment (band).

THIS REGISTRATION FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.

Send your RESERVATION and REGISTRATION FEE TO:

Elbert Carter, 7215 Fortman Terrace, Fountain, CO 80817

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

SOUTHERN COLORADO RETIREE DIRECTOR

All reservations should be received by JULY 15, 2023

After July 15, 2023 reservations only if camping space still available

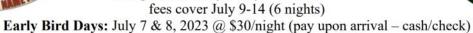
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Campvention Days: July 9-14 2023



Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2023
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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!!!

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Is this your first Campy	vention? Yes No	Send my confirmation	letter in PDF: Yes No
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