



Jack's September Update



I apologize for this late Update. There were at least two important issues I wanted clarification on before including in my Update. They will be addressed further on in this report.

Executive Board Updates

The Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment, effective immediately, of Fred David Campbell (call him Dave) as Kentucky State Director. Fred replaces Jeff and Sharon Robinson who submitted their resignation effective after Campvention 2011. We thank Jeff and Sharon for their time of service on the Executive Board.

Dave's Contact information is already included in your latest mailing list. Dave has been a very active member in Kentucky holding numerous executive positions for almost 10 years. Welcome Dave.

Change of E-mail

Al & Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director have a new e-mail address. It's

Joanie.Stone@gmail.com

Marilyn Shealy: Last month I mentioned Marilyn Shealy trooping through Campvention in pain with her shoulder. She later advised me that it wasn't too bad. Here is a fresh up date.

"I (Marilyn) saw the Doc Tuesday about the constant pain in my left arm since the shoulder surgery on July 27 to get the results of the cervical spinal MRI last Friday. He says I have spinal stenosis in my neck which is causing all the pain. He had no answer for me when I asked why I never had this pain before the surgery, or why I still have soreness in my neck where the anaesthetist put 2 shots in my neck to deaden my arm before the surgery. He had no answer when I told him I now cannot sleep in a bed, some nights cannot sleep at all, have pain every day ranging on a scale from 1 to 10 from 5 to 10 every day all day and night, that no medication I have tried will relieve it. So he is referring me to one of his partners who, he says, treats this type of problem. He says I may require more surgery. Of course this new doctor is booked up until September 27. Maybe I should go back to my original doctor and tell him this is just totally unacceptable -- he has got to get me in faster, at least that is how I feel right now, so tired of this pain. Do have some new pills, will try them tonight"

Please keep Marilyn in your thoughts and prayers.

I spoke with Shari Weber a couple of days ago and she reports that Craig continues to convalesce and gain strength but he is still not up to par or his old self. We still have members that Barb Turner has mentioned in her Updates in various stages of convalescence but I have no further news to report.

Winter Board Meeting Dates and Venue: The Trustees had a two hour phone conference on Aug 30th deliberating the pros and con's of location and dates for the 2012 WBM. We try, when practical, to have the WBM in reasonable vicinity to the Retiree Rally in order to save our organization travel costs. In doing some research we found that the air flight costs into Tallahassee are much higher than flying into a hub like Atlanta or Orlando. Atlanta offered no realistic convenient camping opportunities so we decided to go back to Orlando where we had the WBM in 2005. For members attending the Retiree Rally it will be about 5-6 hour drive back to Tallahassee. In order to achieve the most economic accommodation rates and flight costs we have set the WBM dates for Wednesday Feb. 29 and Thursday March 1 arriving in Tuesday February 28th and departing Friday March 2nd. Those attending the Retiree rally will have a week to enjoy Orlando or other parts of Florida before heading to Tallahassee. We wanted a gap between the two events because several of our executive Board members are very much involved with the retiree Rally and often the closeness of dates causes them to miss important aspects of the WBM in order to meet their responsibilities at the Retiree Rally.

The actual venues, in Orlando for camping and hotel have not yet been chosen but are being researched. Hopefully, next month we should be able to make an announcement.

Reimbursement of Travel costs for WBM.

The Trustees have approved the following reimbursement of costs per executive board position (if the position is staffed by a couple, only one person will be reimbursed)

Mileage to and from your departure airport, parking, and tolls.

Air or ground transport costs up to a maximum of \$350 dollars.

Please note, hotel and /or camping accommodation will not be reimbursed this year.

We regret we cannot offer more cost coverage but Campvention 2011 ended in the red financially and we need to cut back on the amount we can spend for the WBM.

Campvention 2012: Region 7 did their presentation with the theme "**Path to Friendship**" at Campvention. This w/e, (Labour Day) the steering committee will be meeting to continue to flesh out the program and details. Much more information will follow in the ensuing months.

Retiree Rally 2012: Is scheduled for **Tallahassee FL, March 13 to 18** under the chairmanship of Pam & Richard Likens, Florida State Directors. Information on this rally will also be available in Camping Today and the website. Please continue to mention this to your members in your states and provinces.

FICC Rally: The Federation of Camping Caravans (the world wide camping organization of which Family Campers and RVers are associate members) is holding their North American Rally (every 10 years) next year July 25 to August 5th in Montmagny, Quebec. The site is on the eastern side of the St. Lawrence, about 25 miles north of Quebec City. This is a week after Campvention and already several of our members are planning to attend this international event. Ten years ago, it was held in St Jean Richelieu PQ (south East of Montreal) and we had about 60 FCRV families attend. Overall there were about 2000 units at this rally 10 years ago. We are trying to get registration forms and more information on next year's event and will make available via my Updates or Camping Today. We are making progress. A registration form now exists but it's in the French language and we also have an indication of costs but, in my opinion, they're too confusing

to publish with any sense of accuracy. Hopefully, within the next month, we'll have all the correct information in English.

National Election Nominating Committee. With the permission of the nominating committee and the Trustees and as the result of a suggestion by one of our active members, Vickie Roop has arranged to place on the web site, information about the responsibilities of the elected positions and the approximate amount of time spent fulfilling these responsibilities. This could aid you in helping our nominating committee search out viable candidates for next year's election. Vickie hopes the site will be live by Monday or early next week. She will send out an announcement to this effect to the Ex. Bd. You will be able to access it off the "News" page link on the Home page of the FCRV website. Please encourage any member that may be considering running for office to view the site to gain further information about the role of a Trustee.

Cadet Membership: We now have 414 Cadet memberships with 72 renewing to paying member status. Sue Fromholzer reports retention rate thus far is about 50% which is very good. Please keep pushing this program. The Cadet committee is currently making arrangements to place into the hands of the regional, state, and provincial directors a small supply 5 -10 cadet membership applications that may be used at their discretion to provide faster turn-around time and to be able to enlist a cadet member when the opportunity presents itself. The sign up process and mentoring aspects remain unchanged.

Membership: As of August 31, 2011 our membership was 4934

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