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From the President - Shari Weber



Hutchinson KS was the place where all roads took us for campvention 2019. The campvention team headed up by Ivalee & Earl Vanderhoff and Gerald Pfirsch did a fabulous job. I think everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all who won parade and sports awards. Details about all the award recipients are included in this issue of "Camping Today".

During campvention we select our Teen Royalty. All the contestants did great and made it hard for the judges to make their selections. Our newest royalty are International Teen Queen Macey from Indiana and International Teen King Caleb from Colorado. As usual their first priority is school, but they are eager to enjoy camping with their FCRV family, so invite them to your campouts!

A big congrats goes out to all the award recipients. We are a better group for all the work these people have done. Karen and Robert Snodgrass, OH, Adult Activities Director were recognized with the Award of Merit which is given to an executive board member who goes above and beyond their responsibilities. Luella Sprage, MO received the President's award for all her work over the many years she served FCRV as MO State Director. A Citation was presented to Debbie Ludwig, MO. Our top award, the Plaque was presented to Glen & Donna Dains, CT. Matt Mantia, IL was recognized with a Lifesaving. Christine Wheaton, NY was given the Humanitarian Award. Our various programs also gave out awards for excellence in the program. Read about all of these achievements as well as the above mentioned people in this issue of "Camping Today".

The executive board worked very hard while at campvention. I will share the outcome of that meeting next month. I will also share the results of the campvention survey in next month's issue of "Camping Today",

Please take the time to read all about the fun we enjoyed at campvention contained within this issue of "Camping Today".

Until the next campfire, Shari



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REGION 3 HOSTS 59th FCRV CAMPVENTION IN KANSAS

The weather cooperated to provide sunny days for the 204 families who attended FCRV's 59th annual Campvention in Hutchinson, Kansas, July 7-12, 2019. There were 450 people, 26 teens, 17 youth, and several first timers. Colorado had the most attendance with Kansas second. The rally was well planned and had activities for all ages plus lots of good entertainment. Hosts were the states of The Heartland Region 3 - KS, MN, MT, NE, ND, and SD.

Things got underway Sunday with registration for various activities throughout the week. Commercial vendors set up and preparation for opening ceremonies took place. In the auditorium, the evening began with a non-denominational church service with the FCRV Choir and Chaplain, Bill Buggeln. The offering of \$540 will be donated to the Salvation Army to help flood victims.



Ivalee Vanderhoff, Katie Kurburski, Blake Burnette, Gerald Pfirsch cut the ribbon

At 7:30 sharp, Ivalee Vanderhoff called for the posting of the U.S. and Canadian flags on stage and the procession of state and provincial flags. George Walters led the singing of the U.S. and Canadian National Anthems. Chaplain Buggeln gave the invocation. Special Events Coordinator, Nathan McLanahan gave an enthusiastic welcome as did FCRV President, Shari Weber urging everyone to just have fun. Also on stage were the Trustees, Office Manager, Pat Wittmeyer, Miss FCRV, Katie Kurburski, Teen King, Blake Burnette, Retiree King and queen, Matt and Marla Mantia, and Co- Chairman, Gerald Pfirsch. After the ribbon cutting with uncooperative big scissors, the audience was asked to join in singing "Camping in Kansas", written by the Wyandots Chapter of Kansas City, to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Re-

public." There was time to greet old friends at the thank you hospitality hosted by, Miss FCRV, Katie Kurbuski with help from Michigan members.

Monday was the first full activity day with Family Fun Day as the highlight. Teens served a hamburger / hot dog lunch and games such as volleyball, bean bag toss, and ladder golf. Kids and some 'kids at heart' enjoyed the inflatable slide and trap house. DJ's Angie & Carl provided music and the Trustees dressed as referees handled other duties including the raffle booth with lots of prizes. Proceeds from the lunch will be used by the teens for an outing and \$507 from the raffle will go to Bright House for abused women and children in Hutchinson.



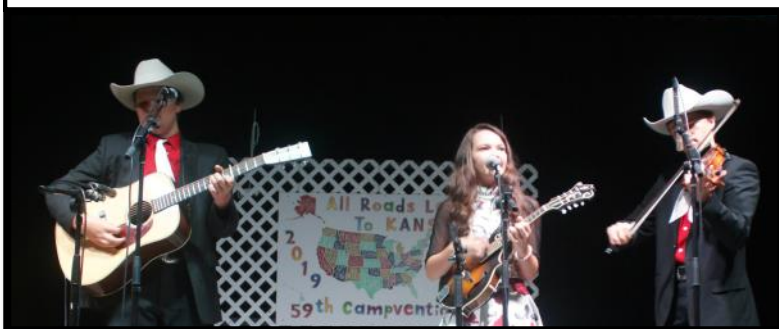
Inflatables at Family Fun Day

Prior to the evening entertainment, FCRV National Awards were presented by Sue Carlsen to Glen and Donna Dains, CT – Plaque, Debbie Ludwig, MO – Citation, Christine Wheaton, NY – Humanitarian, and Matt Mantia, IL – Lifesaving. Wayne Zuhoski, whose life was saved, along with his wife, Lois took part in the presentation. (Details on all award winners in separate article.)

Scott Serbousek thanked everyone for coming out to Family Fun Day and told how the event, which was his original idea, evolved from the first one at the Iowa Campvention in 2013.



The talented Baker Family



Then it was time for the fun to begin, with some high energy entertainment by the Baker Family Blue Grass Band, mother, daughter, and 2 sons, popular in Branson and guests on NBC's "America's Got Talent" had toes tapping with a variety of true blue grass music. Most of the songs were spirited featuring the award winning talents of each member but some gospel, swing, and loves songs were included. They did a 90 minute show building to a peak of the bass player standing on the upright bass, the fiddle player holding fiddle over his head, and sister clogging.

A standing ovation was well deserved. After the show, The Trustees hosted a meet 'n greet Hospitality.

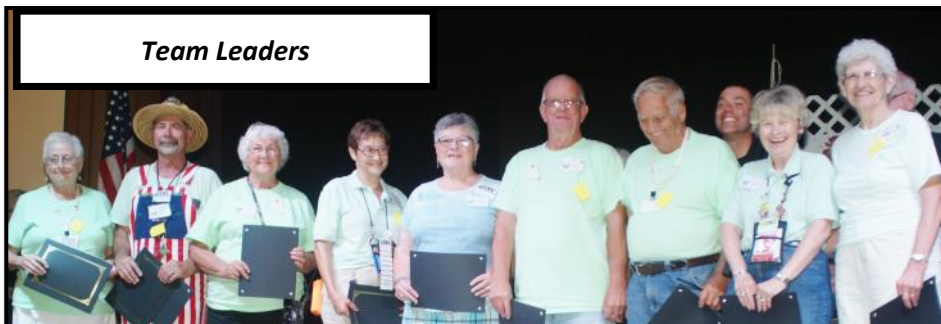
Tuesday was a busy day with horseshoe competition, commercial area sales, Michigan Hospitality, Pet Parade, and Red Hat luncheon. Guest speaker was Linda Imbler, a poet and author of the book "Red is the Sun Rise." She presented some of her poems for women.



Jim Turner swears in Trustees Jan Cushing, Matt Mantia, Sue Fromholzer for a 2 year term.

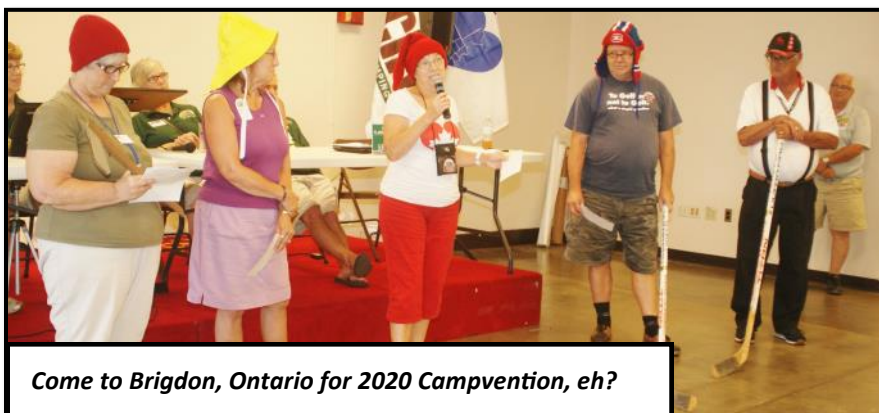
FCRV's general membership meeting was held in the afternoon. President Shari Weber introduced the Trustees and their spouses. She noted that the empty chairs on stage represented former Trustees who have passed away. Sue Carlsen read last year's minutes and Jan Cushing gave the Comptroller's report. Expenses for the past year exceeded income. The complete financial report will be posted later in Camping Today. Scott Serbousek noted that only 2 states had membership gains – Connecticut and Wisconsin. Past President, Jim Turner swore in the Trustees recently elected for a 2 year term – Sue Fromholzer, VP Operations, Jan Cushing, Comptroller, and Matt Mantia, VP Planning & Development. 2019 Campvention Team Leaders

Team Leaders



were called to the stage to receive certificates of appreciation for their work. Leaders were Gerald Pfirsch MT & Ivalee Vanderhoff KS, Glenda Sellers IA & Barbara Dodson MO, Sherry McGuire ND & Dianne Buggeln KS, Dallas Dodson & Earl Vanderhoff KS, and Jeanne Selby ND & LindaSmith KS. Also thanked were the 54 Campvention Committee Chairmen and their volunteers.

Cami Hicks, 2020 Campvention Chairperson and her merry band of hockey players, woodsmen and fishermen invited everyone to FCRV's 60th Campvention in Brigdon, Ontario July13-17. Brigdon is only 25 miles from the border in Port Huron, Michigan. Registraion must be paid in Canadian Funds which translates to a 30% savings to U.S. families. You will need a passport to cross and return to the U.S. Watch for Campvention details in Camping Today.



Come to Brigdon, Ontario for 2020 Campvention, eh?

Before closing the meeting, President Weber reminded everyone of the need to be flexible as FCRV moves forward into the future.



Gerald Pfirsch was serenaded by the Sweet Adelines

Entertainment was presented by the Hutchinson, KS Sweet Adelines. Their enjoyable mix of barbershop songs, gospel, pop songs, and humor delighted the audience. They invited Gerald Pfirsch on stage and sang “Will You Still Love Me When I’m 64.” The large group varied in age and one singer, age 90 had served in the Navy in WWII. The Audience joined in on the Kansas State Song, “Home On The Range” and “God Bless The U.S.A.” Colorado provided hospitality after the program.

Wednesday had a full schedule with seminars, site decorating, making cards for the military, and adult washer toss. Teens were busy preparing for the pageant. The Teen King & Queen tea, interviews with judges, and gift exchange were in the morning. Talent and preliminaries for the crowning were held in the afternoon with the finale in the evening.

The first part of the evening program began with the FCRV Band Concert directed by George Walters, who filled in for Craig Weber who was unable to attend due to motor home problems. Nice additions to the always fun concert were a guitar and accordion. Next came the Scholarship awards and Wildlife Grants (separate articles). Scott Serbousek presented a check for \$507 to a representative of Bright House, a local shelter for abused women and children.



With audience anticipation growing, Miss FCRV 2018, Katie Kurburski took her final stage walk as did Teen King 2018, Blake Burnette. Both told what their year had meant to them and thanked all those who shared in their journey representing FCRV. The final results were:



Miss FCRV 2019, Macey Stuckwisch, 16, Brownstown, Indiana, First Runner-up and Miss Talent – Thalia Demarest, 15, Thornton, Colorado, Miss Congeniality – Grace Carey, 15, Milford Michigan, 2019 Teen King, Mr. Personality and Mr. Skills – Caleb Demarest, 17, Thornton, Colorado First Runner-up Andrew Huhn, 15, Dewitt, Michigan. (Complete pageant details in separate article.)

The Teens’ King and Queen Ball followed and everyone was invited to share in the first half hour.

Thursday featured ladder golf, youth Olympics, FCRV market place, teen field trip to The Island amusement park, float preparation, and hospitality by Canadian Region 7, 2020 Camp vention hosts. The Hard Hat Lunch was well attended and guest speaker, Director of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Jordan Polano talked about well known sports people either from or with ties to Kansas.



Mary Borton with 299 lbs. of aluminum tabs

In the evening, Chaplain Buggelin presented a check for \$540 from the church offering to a Salvation Army Representative. Also \$235 and 100 food items were collected for their food pantry. Mary Borton announced that 299 lbs. of aluminum tabs plus cash donations totaled \$207.45 for the Wichita Ronald McDonald House. Quilts, snacks, and personal items were also donated. Kansas collected 125 lbs. of tabs and Colorado had 54 lbs. In the Chapter division, Coyotes of CO were 1st with 59 lbs., and the Oops Chapter was 2nd with 45 lbs. The teens raised \$982 during Fun Day and had their outing and a pizza party with \$480 left which they donated to the Schrock family who recently lost a 5 year old son in a tractor accident.

Entertainment was by Rusty Rierson and his band. He presented a mix of traditional and newer country tunes including some that he wrote. The Leon, Kansas native has been performing all over the country and spent last winter in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas where he was voted Male Vocalist of the year. He had people line dancing and laughing at several jokes between songs. He even briefly changed character into a hippie cousin from California and did some surf and rock songs. The audience begged for an encore and he did 3 more tunes to a standing ovation. He stayed to sign autographs and meet folks.



Rusty Rierson had 'em dancin' in the aisles

Friday kicked off with the on grounds parade with 10 units. More were expected, but golf carts had to be collected early.

An ice cream social and meeting was held for the Ambassador Club and Lifetime Members of FCRV. Matt Mantia introduced Wayne Zuhoski who will be in charge of the club. Certificates were awarded to members who advanced up to one of the four levels of number of new members signed up. The final seminar was held and card bingo was played.

Throughout the week there were daily activities including camp walks/biking, crafts (make a vintage globe light, paint a Kansas sunflower), state / provincial hospitalities (6) useful seminars (10), vendors area (8), plus activities by age group at the youth, teen, and adult buildings Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were available daily by Bernard's Catering. George Walters did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies each night and Entertainment Chairman, Kip Cushing had some great entertainers.



Youth had lots of activities

Friday evening's program began with Sherry McGuire presenting the Site Decorating Awards: 1st Deb & Ted Kapp ND, Funniest Betty & Larry Stone NC (both ties for People's Choice. Earl Vanderhoff was thanked for regional decorations. Next were the Parade Awards: 1st Michigan State Float, 2nd Canada Region 7 Walking, 3rd Colorado Technology & Walking, President's Award- Colorado. Games awards were given by Jerry Brindell. Winners listed in separate article.



Entertainment was provided by KS State Fair favorite, Streetside, a 4 man group whose amazing harmonies recreated the sounds of the 50's, 60's plus some comedy numbers, The 2019 Teen court was asked to participate in the old Hee Haw TV show song, " You Met Another and Pthhh You were Gone." Each teen had to supply the 'Pthhh' sound. They also did encores.

As FCRV's 59th Campvention came to an end, the flags were retired, thanks were said, and wishes for safe travels were offered. The Campvention Committee showed their appreciation for the FCRV families that attended with the final hospitality of a busy, fun, and pleasant week.



2019 MISS FCRV AND TEEN KING PAGEANT



A smoothly run two part pageant was guided by Emily Kurburski . The afternoon session featured the talent, essay, poise, and evening gown segments. Master of Ceremonies, Shari Weber introduced the 5 young ladies and two young men by first name. Judges were 3 people from the area with backgrounds in education, business, and theater arts. They interviewed each contestant earlier in the day.

For their talent, Kaitlyn Musselwhite, 15, Miss Missouri played a violin solo to " Country Roads." Briana Coniglio, 16, Miss Florida did an interpretive dance to "Tight Rope." Grace Carey, 14, Miss Michigan played a piano solo "Skaters Waltz." Tahlia Demarest, 14, Miss Colorado did a monologue "Online Dating." Macey Stuckwisch, Miss Indiana, played piano and sang "Amazing Grace" and "Sanctuary." King contestants, Andrew Huhn, 14, Mr. Michigan and



Who says boys can't make cookies?

Caleb Demarest, 16, Mr. Colorado had a different task to test their impromptu skills. They were given a table with several ingredients and asked to make a no bake cake. The results were fun and messy.



FCRV 'S GOT TALENT

As the contestants left the stage to change, entertainment was provided by members of the 2018 Q&K court, Katie Kurburski, Luke Kurburski, Mercedes Tennyson, and Blake Burnette. Luke had the audience take part in the “Chicken Dance.”



The dancing continued as contestants appeared in yellow t-shirts and white shorts and did an energetic dance to “Happy” by Pherrel Williams choreographed by Katie Kurburski.

For poise and confidence each contestant presented a prepared two minute speech on their choice from 3 topics – Growing FCRV Membership, Biggest Issue Facing Teens, Advice to the Younger Generation. Most chose the biggest problem and talked about social media and cell phones.

While the contestants made another change, MC Weber reintroduced 2018 K&Q Court members. 1st. Runner UP for Teen King, Luke Kurburski is in 9th grade, involved in Boy Scouts, 4-H, grange and Builders Club. He plans to go to culinary school. 1st. Runner up, Mercedes Tennyson is attending Tulsa Community College studying accounting. She works full time and is an internal auditor for AAON. She enjoys the outdoors, dancing, and caring for her 3 animals. Teen King, Blake Burnette is attending Tulsa Technology Center for welding and works as an intern at AAON. Blake enjoys the outdoors and showing his cattle. Miss FCRV, Katie Kurbuurski is pursuing a degree in pharmacy at Ferris State University. She is Convention Co-

chair for Lambda Kappa Gamma Sorority. She is currently an intern at Walgreens and enjoys golf and dancing.

The final afternoon segment was the escorted formal walk (evening gowns and suits) while MC Weber read a brief biography of each. Then came the sound proof booth as each contestant was asked the same question, "What is the biggest problem facing our environment and what would you do to change it?" After the question part was completed all the candidates came back on stage. At this time the Judges were thanked and results would be announced in the evening.

The pageant resumed on stage in the evening. Anticipation began to build as MC Weber thanked Pageant Chairperson Emily Kurburski (who was given flowers by sister, Katie), Backstage Moms, Donna Bartel and Judy Hein, Stage Manager, Kip Cushing, and Sound Man, Dave. The Escorts were also brought on stage and introduced. Queen Escorts were Austin Pinkley, Lou Coniglio, James Carey, Ken Hahn, Chet Knowland. King Escorts were Natalie Carey and Sheryl Hahn. 2018 Court Escorts were Emily Powell, Forrest Tennyson, Robyn Burnette, and Gabe Smith. This was followed by the Final Walk by 2018 Teen King, Blake Burnette, KS, and 2018 Miss FCV Katie Kurburski, MI. Each thanked their families, state, chapter, and all who welcomed them and supported them throughout their year representing FCRV.

All of the Candidates were brought on stage and at last the results envelope was handed to Shari Weber. Teen King First Runner-up is Andrew Huhn, son of Kim and Mike Huhn of Dewitt, MI, members of Traverse Bay Travelers 316. Teen King for 2019 is Caleb Demarest, son of Anthony and Michelle Demarest of Thornton, CO members of Technically Roughing It Chapter.

Miss Congeniality is Grace Carey, daughter of James and Kelly Carey of Milford, MI, members of the Nature Nuts Chapter, Miss Talent and First Runner-up is Tahlia Demarest, daughter of Anthony and Michelle Demarest of Thornton, CO, members of the Technically Roughing It Chapter, Miss FCRV for 2019 is Macie Stuckwisch, daughter of Keith and Misty Stuckwisch of Brownstown, IN, Independent members.



After the crowning, audience members were invited to visit the Teen Queen Ball for hospitality and a chance to meet and congratulate the candidates.



Enjoy the Ride!

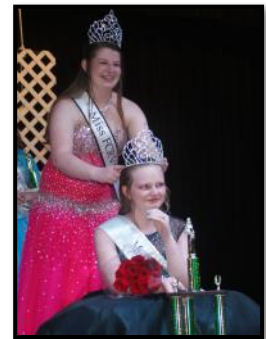
MISS FCRV 2019



Macey Stuckwisch, Miss FCRV



Playing and singing



2018 Miss FCRV, Katie Kurburski crowns the new Miss FCRV.



With Grandparents, Chet & Mrs. Knowland, Mom, Misty Stuckwisch

Miss FCRV for 2019 is Macey Stuckwisch from Brownsville, Indiana. She has been in FCRV all of her life with her parents, Keith and Mary Stuckwisch, Independent members. Macey is 16 and is in 10th grade at Brownstown Central High School. Her talent in the Pageant was playing “Amazing Grace and Sanctuary” on the piano. Her hobbies include FFA, 4-H, Junior Leaders, Church Choir, Yearbook Editor, cross stitch, leatherwork, reading, therapy horses, and working at her local nursing home. She is a National Honor Society Inductee with a perfect school attendance award. She received the FFA Sophomore Points Award as well as Top Citrus and Strawberry Seller. She plans to obtain a degree in business management. Her talent in the Pageant was singing and playing a medley she created from “Amazing Grace” and “Sanctuary.”

2019 FCRV TEEN KING



Caleb with Pageant trophy



Getting sash from 2018 Teen King, Blake Burnette



With Colorado friends at hospitality

FCRV's 2019 Teen King is Caleb Demarest from Thornton, Colorado. His parents are Anthony and Michelle Demarest, members of the Technically Roughing It Chapter. His sister is Tahlia Demarest, this year's Miss FCRV First Runner-up. Caleb is 16 and has been in FCRV for 8 years. He's in 11th grade at Horizon High School and enjoys gymnastics, diving, and working with computers. He has a Varsity Letter in Diving and a USAG All American Gymnastic Award. He would like to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and major in computer engineering and robotics. He was also named Mr. Personality and Mr. Skills in the Pageant held at the 2019 FCRV Campvention in Hutchinson, Kansas.

THE REST OF THE STORY

By Macey Stuckwisch and Caleb Demarest

Hello FCRV! This is your new Queen, Macey Stuckwisch, and King, Caleb Demarest! We are very excited to represent this organization over the next year!



Hi, my name is Macey Stuckwisch. I was born and raised in Brownstown, Indiana and I have been a part of FCRV my entire life. I'm very involved in FFA, 4H, and Junior Leaders! I enjoy volunteering as my way of serving others. Also in FFA I compete in soils judging, parliamentary procedure, livestock judging, livestock skillathon, forestry judging, ag related demonstrations, and ag related speeches. I have made it to the state level of competition in parliamentary procedure once with a speech about GMO'S, and once with a demonstration about ag law! I am currently my FFA chapter's secretary and my district's treasurer. In the future I hope to serve as a state officer. The highest level of leadership training I have had through FFA is the highest level offered, WLC. WLC stands for Washington Leadership Conference. Which is a week long conference held at the Omni Hotel in Washington DC. I attended this conference the week before Campvention and I had an amazing time and learned so much!

Ever since I was little I have always watched the older girls practice and perform onstage and have always wanted to "be like the older girls" and my wish has finally come true! With my first time competing in Virginia I was given the title Miss Congeniality, which made me very happy! Then going to Kansas I guess it was just my time to shine! When I was backstage the only time I got nervous was when I was waiting to go out and give my speech. But once I finished my speech I just felt proud that I had done my best. Then that night I was crowned your queen I was completely surprised and thrilled, it was an emotional rollercoaster! I have always just wanted to make my state, Indiana, proud and I feel that I have done just that. The moment when Ed Shaneyfelt came on stage to hug me and I saw he was crying and I knew I had done just that, I had made him proud!

All night Wednesday, and all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday I have felt that this is all just one big dream and I'm going to wake up and it will all be over. But now that it has in a way "sunk in" that I am Miss FCRV! I am extremely excited to begin my new adventure! I hope to represent this organization to the best of my ability over the next year. Also I hope to attend as many state campout as I can, as well as collect as many state pins for my sash as I can! If you would like to contact me with campout dates you can email me at maceystu21@yahoo And finally, I would like to thank each and everyone of you that have supported me through this whole process! Thank you!



Howdy, my name is Caleb Demarest from Colorado and I was crowned FCRV Teen King. I've been in this wonderful organization for half my life. At home, I'm really good about keeping myself busy. I took up diving off of the 1-meter springboard this spring and I compete for my school. I lettered my first year in diving. Also, I'm a US-AG competitive gymnast for Xtreme Altitude and I've been in gymnastics for 8 years. I spend 12+ hours at the gym every week working on new skills and perfecting my old ones. I placed second on floor at regionals this year. My favorite event is rings. I'm working towards level 10 this year! I was awarded the USAG All American Academic Award this year for gymnastics.

I started volunteering for my school my freshman year as the Building Tech's assistant. This means on my off periods I troubleshoot computers, build computer labs, work with smart boards, and keep all the comput-

ers updated with the latest software. I learned about a job opportunity with my school district I could take when I turned 16. So I volunteered for about a year and a half to get my foot in the door and to gain some experience. Now I work for my school district part-time over the summer doing the same jobs I did during the school year. Once school starts I'll be back working at my high school with the Building Tech. I enjoy working with computers and I'm interested in pursuing computer engineering after high school. I maintain a 3.83 grade point average during the school year.

When I was 12, we went to our first Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming where I saw Ryan from Colorado win the pageant. I had no idea this was even possible, but I knew I wanted to be on that stage. So then I asked my parents if I could run the next year. They said I had to wait a year. The first year I ran I didn't go to Campvention because my dad couldn't get the time off, but I was able to come to the one in Kansas and I had the time of my life. I met so many wonderful and supportive people. The pageant was a huge learning experience. It mainly taught me to put myself out there and how to speak in front of large groups of people.

We decided to start off by telling a little story about "royal tape!" While at campvention Brianna(Florida), Grace(Michigan), and Macey(Indiana) decided to help out Tahlia(Colorado) and Caleb(Colorado) with building the Colorado, Technically Roughing It's yellow brick road float for the parade. While building the float we used blue masking tape to hold everything onto the float. So as teens will be teens while using masking tape you know it will be stuck on someone eventually. So we decided to have fun by taking blue masking tape and started sticking it on each other. So everywhere we went if we ended up with blue masking tape we would stick it on each other, making blue masking tape the official "royal tape."

We hope that you have enjoyed our story on the "royal tape!" There will be plenty more stories to come! We would love to come to any campouts we can so please feel free to contact either of us with the dates of your campouts so that we can try to make it to them! We might even bring some oatmeal free, no-bake cookies.

Once again thank you for all the support you have shown to us in the past week! This organization really is a place where strangers become friends and friends become family!

NATIONAL AWARDS



PLAQUE – Glen and Donna Dains, Connecticut State Director. The National Plaque is the highest award given for outstanding service to FCRV. Dains have guided Connecticut into being one of FCRV's most active states. Chapters are heavily involved in all of FCRV's programs do not hesitate to volunteer for jobs at regional campouts and Campventions. Their members are also involved in various community service projects including raising money for the Make A Wish Foundation.



CITATION – Debbie Ludwig, MO, Regional Director of Region 2, South Central West. The National Citation is the second highest award given by FCRV. Long overdue for recognition, Debbie Ludwig has gone above and beyond the call of duty many times in the service of FCRV including chairing the 2016 Campvention in Shawnee, Oklahoma..



CHAPTER OF THE YEAR – Tri County Travellers of Ontario, Canada. Keeping busy throughout the year, almost without exception, every chapter, district, and provincial campout involves an educational or charitable cause along with a donation. Individually, the members are involved in various levels of volunteerism with their churches, schools, and communities along with their FCRV responsibilities. They accomplished all this while planning to host Campvention 2020. The chapter is also the current Ontario Provincial Chapter of the Year.



AWARD OF MERIT – Karen and Robert Snodgrass, Ohio. This award is determined by the Board of Trustees to recognize and tanks Executive Board members for their effort and dedication to FCRV. It was unanimously decided that Karen and Robert should be properly thanked for outstanding contribution to multiple programs at the 2018 Campvention in Doswell, Virginia. Karen and Robert have shouldered many activities over the years including youth, games and helped out with many others.



HUMANITARIAN - Christine Wheaton, New York. Christine has been involved with Quilts of Valor, an organization that creates and donates quilts to service members and veterans touched by war. This past year Catherine presented quilts to 3 veterans of Top of the Hill Chapter in the Finger Lakes District. The Trustees were very touched by Christine's project which not only exemplified a humanitarian purpose and demonstrates our commitment to veterans.



LIFESAVING – Matt Mantia, IL. At their winter home in Mission, TX, Matt noticed that Wayne Zuhoski looked pale and listless after lifting a picnic table. Wayne's skin was cold and clammy and he had some slight chest pain. Matt took his blood pressure at 200 over 100. Wayne resisted calling an ambulance, but Matt persisted and drove him to the emergency room with Dave navigating and the two women minding the patient. Tests showed that Wayne had suffered a mild heart attack and would require bypass surgery. Matt's knowledge, actions and persistence very likely saved a life that day.



COMMENDATION – Letters of Commendation for dedicated service were presented at the Board meeting to Barb and Dallas Dodson, MO and Wayne and Marilyn Rosenberger, ON. Louella Sprague, MO was also recognized for her many years of service.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS AT CAMPVENTION

FCRV's Summer Executive board meeting was held Saturday and Sunday July 6th and 7th. The first session was focused on simplifying and improving the operation of the board which consists of State / Provincial Directors, Regional Directors, Program Directors, and Trustees. The morning session was divided into 7 groups who discussed ideas on how to 'streamline' and make the board more efficient in serving the needs of the membership. Part of the discussion was based on the recent membership opinion survey. Each group reported their specific ideas and they were listed on a board and recorded for further action. In the afternoon all the suggestions most often repeated were put in a separate priority list. The Trustees will look into the possibilities for positive change and bring them back to the Executive Board for a vote at a later date.

The Sunday session was a normal Board business meeting with various items covered. Jack Smye and a few State Directors attended electronically by skype. New Board members were introduced including Larry and Betty Stone, North Carolina State Directors, Joe Wittmeyer, New York State Director, David and Rita Blair, Communications and Security Directors, Dick and Kathy Buresh, C.A.M.P. Directors, Bill Buggelin, Chaplain, Wayne Zuhoski, Ambassador Club, and Matt Mantia, incoming Vice President of Planning and Development.



**Dennis James
was honored
for his service
as National
Chaplain.**

Those Board members who recently retired from positions were honored including Dennis James, Chaplain, John and Linda Stiegler, New York State Dirs., Fred Muckle, South Carolina State Dir., Pat Parsley, Parliamentarian since 1997, and Scott Serbousek, VP Planning and Development.

Jan Cushing gave the financial report. General, Office, Scholarship and Wildlife funds are all operating in the black. A complete financial report will be published later.

Sue Carlsen thanked the members of the Awards Committee for their work. Letters of Commendation were presented at the meeting were presented to Barb and Dallas Dodson, MO and Wayne and Marilyn Rosenberg, ONT. Other awards to be given on stage.

Reba Ray noted that the 2020 Retiree Rally is all set for Dothan Alabama, March 24-30 with early days starting the 20th. The 2021 retiree Rally will be in Mineola, Texas, March 23-29.

Jack Smye announced that \$14,100 in Hank Nathan FCRV Scholarships will go to 11 recipients with the Schu Scholarship of \$2,000 going to Sarah Labelle, Carleton University.

Karen and Robert Snodgrass are working on adding corn hole bean bag toss for next year. If anyone has extra game boards, please bring them to Campvention in Canada. The Snodgrasses were doing double duty at Campvention this year as Game and Teen Chairmen.

Dick and Kathy Buresh are looking for exercise / physical activities such as bowling, to add to the 3 page list of activities in the Campers Actively Moving Program that can earn FCRV merchandise points.

Dick and Rita Blair reported that FCRV now has over \$12,000 worth of radio and security equipment which requires paper work and permits to take into and out of Canada which they are working on.

Barb Turner reported that the camping reservations are made and all is set for the 2019 Travalong after Campvention.

Bob Lockhart noted that volunteers working directly with youth and teens at Campvention need to submit a background check to be kept on file. Contact information and forms are on the website at www.fcrv.org.

Scott Serbousek, finishing his term as Vice President of Planning and Development thanked the Program Directors that reported to him. Family Fun Day was his original idea and has grown into a Campvention tra-

dition. Proceeds from this year will go to the non-profit Bright House for abused women and children in Hutchinson.

Ivalee Vanderhoff announced that 196 families had preregistered for Campvention. A final count will be given after all units are in and parked.



Eastern Canada Regional Director, Cami Hicks and her assistants promoted the 2020 Campvention with skit and song dressed as hockey players, fishermen, and loggers. FCRV's 60th Campvention is set for Brigden, Ontario July 13 – 17. Complete details will be in Camping Today in coming months. A registration form is attached to this issue and online at www.fcrv.org.

Looking ahead to 2021, the Campvention location will be at Elk Horn, Wisconsin, July 10-17.

2019 FCRV SCHOLARSHIPS

By Carl & Lynda Wood, Scholarship Directors

The NCHA (FCRV) Hank Nathan Scholarship awards scholarships each year from interest earned by a fund that has grown over the years to \$248,570 from member contributions. Amount contributed this year was \$549. Total awarded \$14,700.

Kaitlyn Johnson, Omaha, NE	\$1,000
Tess Fairbanks Onaga, KS	\$1,300
Courtney Fish, Albemarle, NC	\$1,300,
Emily Kurburki, Harbor Springs, MI	\$1,400
Kaite Kuburski, Harbor Springs, MI	\$1,400
Benjamin Moats, Ames, IA	\$1,500
Jessica Moats, Ames, IA	\$1,400
Breanne Kendle, Fort Huachuca, AZ	\$1,400
Gary Couch, Massillon, OH	\$500



**Scholarship winners present at
Campvention**

**Emily Kurburski, Katie Kurburski,
Breanna Kendle**

Schu Memorial scholarship is a separate fund for majors in conservation, ecology, or outdoor activity

goes to Ms Sarah Labelle, Ontario, Carleton University, Environmental Science. \$2,000. Applications judged by Scholarship America, Inc.

2019 WILDLIFE GRANTS



Joanie Stone, Wildlife Director

Black Pines Animal Sanctuary
\$800

Chevron State Park \$800

Dakota Zoo \$600

Spring Valley Park \$600

Glade Run Lake \$600

Shram Park Lake \$800

2019 CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS

6 – 8 Makenna Schwalm PA

9 – 11 Ian Burns NY

12-14 Dawnella Kendle CO

15-19 Keli Brown PA

20 + Rhonda O'Neal IL

Conservation Essay

Macey Marie Stuckwisch IN
\$50



SITE DECORATING

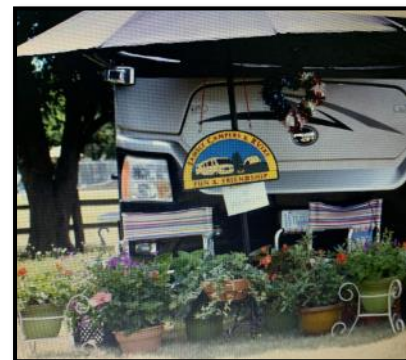
THEME: KANSAS IS...

Winner - Deb & Tedd Kapp ND

Funniest – Betty & Larry Stone NC

People's Choice – Tie – Kapp & Stone

(pictures were not identified as to winners)



PET PARADE 2019

Bev Risius, Chairman, Sherry McGuire, Co-Chair.

Theme - Construction Zone Ahead

Funniest Costume - Wendy Cook & Bella

Best Show of Construction - Arnie & Oscar

Best Owner Look Alike – Ted Kapp & Licorice

17 participants.



CAMPING IS CONTEST

By Karen Snodgrass

The 2019 Camping Is coloring and poster contest had 17 entries from 5 states and 1 province. Children ages 4 and under do a coloring page while ages 5-12 create a poster illustrating that child's idea of camping. The contest placings are listed below.

Coloring contest ages 0-2

- 1st – Dayna Kendle, CO
- 2nd – Mylah Williams, PA
- 3rd – Jordan Longberry, IN

Coloring contest ages 3-4

- 1st – Emma Ritter, PA
- 2nd – Conner Sanders, CO
- 3rd – Max Bardos, IN
- HM – Sarah Cincotta, WI
- HM – Conner Smith, KS

Poster contest ages 5-6

- 1st – Mya Bardos, IN
- 2nd – Wyatt Nairns, PA
- 3rd – Grace Vezinn, ONT

Poster contest ages 7-8

- 1st – Macyn Bardos, IN
- 2nd – Caleb Cincotta, WI

Poster contest ages 9-10

- 1st – Taryn Christensen, CO
- 2nd – McKenzie Bardos, IN
- 3rd – Norah Cincotta, WI

Poster Contest ages 11-12

- 1st – Madison Bardos, IN

Thank you to everyone who brought entries and encouraged the children to create them. Let's get even more entries next year in Brigdon, Canada

ADULT GAMES

By Jerry Brindle, Games Chairman

Horseshoes

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| Men's Singles | 1st place | Frank Powers |
| | 2nd place | Anthony Demarest |

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| Women's Singles | 1st place | Patty Wittmeyer |
| | 2nd place | Connie Black |

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| Men's Doubles | 1st place | Frank Powers
& John Denisar |
| | 2nd place | Ed Shaneyfelt
& Doug Black |

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| Women's Doubles | 1st place | Patty Wittmeyer &
Connie Black |
| | 2nd place | Rhonda O'Neal &
Angie Shaneyfelt |

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| Mixed Doubles | 1st place | Doug Black & Connie
Black |
| | 2nd place | Trustin Baker & Rhonda
O'Neal |

Washer Toss

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Men's Singles | 1st place | Marty Mashak |
| | 2nd place | Wendell Cash |
| Women's Singles | 1st place | Rhonda O'Neal |
| | 2nd place | Janet Kanya |
| Mixed Doubles | 1st place | Mike O'Neal &
Rhonda O'Neal |
| | 2nd place | Tim Smith & Marty
Mashak |

Ladder Golf

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|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Men's Singles | 1st place | Mike Croxton |
| | 2nd place | Tom Howard |
| Women's Singles | 1st place | Pat Whitmeyer |
| | 2nd place | Janet Kanya |
| Mixed Doubles | 1st place | Joe Whitmeyer &
Patty Whitmeyer |
| | 2nd place | Jim Thoenen &
Merilee Thoenen |



TEEN SPORTS

By Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt & Rhonda O'Neal

Teen Volleyball was played on Thursday at the Hutchinson, KS Campvention. The teams of Royalty and Burning FlapJacks were very competitive. The Burning Flapjack apparently caught fire and beat team Royalty in a two game set. Rhonda O'Neal did a wonderful job at score keeping and Angie Shaneyfelt coached some teens on serving.

Burning Flapjacks team:



Andrew Huhn, Gabe Smith, Blake Burnette, Natalie Carey and Katie Kurburski

Royalty team:



Tahlia Demarest, Macey Stuckwisch, Grace Carey, Caleb Demarest, Luke Kurburski, Grant Lockhart

Softball was played on Thursday morning. We didn't have quite enough teens so some adults stepped in to play also! Team Misfits won 17 to 14 over the Home team Royalty (pronounced Roy-Al-Itty). Pitching for both teams was Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt. Ed Shaneyfelt came in as designated hitter for Team Royalty for a short period!

Team Misfits:



Isaac Eyers, Shaun Kendle, Dezirae Eggers, Brianna Coniglio, Katie Kurburski, Andrew Hahn and Nick Baca

Team Royalty



Dawnella Kendle, Gabe Smith, Luke Kurburski, Macey Stuckwisch, Tahlia Demarest, Grace Carey, Caleb Demarest

2019 Campvention Golf Results



70

Scott Serbousek	IL
Terry Swanburg	ONT
Ron Ray	GA
Nyhl Austin	NY

72

Dave Hemerbach	CO
Robert Snodgrass	OH
Bob Moore	FL
Stan Herrick	IL

72

Kristian Strub	CO
Dave Hennie	OH
George Hoyland	CO
Judy Herrick	IL

David Wolf	KS
Jim Turner	FL
Glen Else	IA
Rosemary Strub	CO

Long Drive	Kristian Strub	CO
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Closest to pin	David Wolf	KS
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Total golfers 16

2019 CAMPENTION PARADE

Parade Chairperson, SherryMcGuire

Theme: 'BEST ROAD TRIP EVER'

10 Units Plus Fairgrounds Lead Car. Most floats accompanied by walkers.

FIRST – Michigan State Float

SECOND – Canada Region 7 Walking\

THIRD - Colorado Technically Roughing It Chapter

FOURTH – Youth Float

PRESIDENT’S AWARD – Colorado Technically Roughing It Chapter



Michigan State Float- 1st



Canada Region 7 - 2nd



Colorado Technically Roughing it - 3rd and President's Award



Youth - 4th







CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY



Juanita Woolworth celebrated her 90th birthday on July 28th, 2019. Juanita is a long time member of NCHA/ FCRV and her late husband, Don Woolworth was a past National President. She is a member of the Tails-A-Wagon Chapter.

Juanita is the mother of Ron, Keith, and Kerrie, grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 13. She lives in the house that she and Don built in 1949 in Clio, Michigan and spends her winters in Texas.

Juanita received the Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

Congratulations may be sent to jwoolworth@gfn.org.

GRADUATES



Three graduates of Maryville. Linda Stiegler, (Aunt 1972), Cory Gruentbauer, (Nephew 2016), Kathleen Anna Gruentbauer, (Niece 2019) University of Buffalo Center for the Arts.

YARS POST CAMPVENTION CAMPOUT

The YARS Chapter had 17 rigs at their post Campvention campout at Spring Lake RV Park near Halstead, Kansas. Besides the traditional root beer floats, pot luck supper and socializing, several folks visited interesting places in the area including the Kansas Learning Center in Halstead and the Pizza Hut Museum in Wichita. Hosts were the Hitchens and Hershoms. YARS (Young thinking Active Retirees) has a campout to 'unwind' after the FCRV Retiree Rally and Campvention.



The men served a pancake breakfast



The first Pizza Hut started in Wichita in 1958





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BICYCLE SAFETY

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.

Consider this, “as you might expect, when a crash occurs between a motor vehicle and a bike, it’s the cyclist who is most likely to be injured” (1). Bike riders are abundant today. Many ride their bike to work, for others this is a pleasurable experience. Many enjoy a leisure ride around the campgrounds especially if they have paved roadways. Children of any age enjoy this favorite pastime. In doing some research for this article, it appears that the laws for bike riders are somewhat the same in both the United States and Canada. Therefore, in the preceding paragraphs you should learn some of the important facts and safety tips for riding a bike.

“By law, bicycles on the roadway are vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles” (1.). This hold true from both Canada and the United States, so depending on the country in which you live the laws are in place for your safety when riding a bike. Review the laws and ride your bike safely at all time.

Helmets are now standard equipment when riding a bike. Everyone should begin there riding experience by putting on one of these. When you purchase a helmet it is important that you choose one that fits properly so that it can protect your head adequately. “Eight five percent of serious head injuries occur from bike falls that could have been prevented by wearing a helmet. “(2) You want your helmet to fit just right, and have some reflective properties so that you are visible in all kinds of weather. Like any other purchase follow the steps of the manufacture for proper fitting, look in the mirror or have someone else help you adjust the straps so that it fits snugly and adheres to the head for a perfect fit. A helmet will protect your head, and your brain in case of an accident.



The most common of bicycle accidents occur as follows: the most common are falls, and the second involves a motor vehicle. No matter the reason for the crash, an ounce of prevention is worth it. Here are some things to avoid so that you will not crash your bike and injure yourself. No matter the time of year, most accident occur between the hours of 6 p.m., and 9 p.m. with a higher concentration on the weekend. 71% of the accidents occur in urban areas and 29% occur in rural areas. Males are more likely to be killed while riding a bike verses women. Many times Alcohol can be a factor in a fatal bike crash. Remember the laws of the road and ride responsibly

For your safety, purchase a bike that is the best fit for you. If the bike is too big it is harder to control, and if it is too small, your balance will be off center and you will fall. Choose a bike that works properly, test the brakes and make sure they work before you start out on the ride. Proper equipment is essential; protect your head with a helmet. Wear bright clothing, and reflective gear for nighttime bike riding. Use lights on both the front and back of the bike so you are visible especially at night. Bike manufactures make a bike for one single rider, so no extras on the bike. Use both hands on the handlebars; unless you are giving the signal to make a turn. Need to carry some items with you, use a backpack, or strap them to the back of the bike. Take care to make sure your shoe strings are tied properly and will not get caught the bike chain. Loose pant legs also apply in this case. Plan your bike ride accordingly; choose a route without traffic, and slower speeds. The safest place to ride is along a bike path and away from traffic.

When you ride your bike, stay focused and alert at all times. It is important to anticipate the movement of others that might create a hazard. Remember to ride with the flow of traffic and in the same direction. Obey street signs, traffic signals, and the various marking on the road. Remember you have to obey the traffic laws just like the driver of a motor vehicle. Extras considerations are essential around large vehicles such as semi-trucks and RVs because the drivers cannot see you. Use caution, other people may not see you therefore look ahead for safety hazards such as pebbles, pot holes, long or short highway grades, and especially train tracks which can be obstacles in the road. For your safety, no texting, stay off the cell phone, do



not listen to music or use anything that will become a distraction. Keep your eyes focused on the roadway.

It is important to teach your children how to ride a bike safely. Adults, this applies to you, too. Teach them that when leaving the driveway to look both way for oncoming traffic, scooters, skateboarders and other cyclist that may be in the area. Always ride on the right side of the roadway. Use a great deal of caution when passing a car remember someone could open a car door and you could go a flying. When riding with others ride in a straight line. Use your hand signals when changing directions. Most importantly, children should never ride a bike in heavy traffic areas. (2)

For many this may have been a lot to grasp all at once. Review this information and use it to the best of your abilities as you begin your bike ride. The more you know, the safer your bike ride will be. Safe cycling everyone .

Sources: (1.) <https://www.nhtsa.gov>

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(2.) Canadian Information

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RVIA REPORT BREAKS DOWN TRENDS IN RV OWNERSHIP

By Business RV



In part two of the RV Industry Association's (RVIA) "Trends In RV Ownership," the report examines the influence of younger buyers in the RV market and

how their imprint is helping drive the most recent expansion of the RV market.

RVIA News & Insights reported that data from Statistical Surveys Inc. collected on RV

retail registrations found that from 2015–2018 the share of RV ownership by age range increased in the younger age brackets. RV ownership for those aged 35-44 increased from 18.42% in 2015 to 20.75% in 2018. For those aged 25-34, it rose from 5.03% to 8.1% Even the youngest age range of 18-24 saw a gain of .15% to .37%

This strong interest in RV travel and camping among younger consumers is confirmed in Go RVing's Future-Ready Research of Millennials, rolled out in summer 2018, showing that RV ownership has tremendous appeal among this cohort. The research reports found that among Millennials:

- 53% are interested in buying an RV.
- 26% call themselves highly-likely RV buyers.
- More than half (55% wish they had an RV.

These strong purchase intentions correspond with a study Go RVing conducted with Nielsen in 2016 focusing on the demographics and psychographics of prospective RVers across age ranges and ethnicity. Among prospects surveyed, more than half have considered renting an RV. Further, 35% have actually looked into purchasing an RV; 38% have visited an RV dealer; and 15% have previously rented an RV.

Additionally, the Nielsen study grouped these prospects into three distinct groups of consumers most likely to buy an RV – Active Family Adventurers, Nature Lovers, and Kid-Free Adult Adventurers. Combined, this group of potential RVers represents 40 percent of U.S. households.

In general, the consumers in all three primary opportunity segments have favorable views towards RVs and the RV lifestyle. Just like RV owners, they like to take road trips and see RVing as a convenient way to explore the country, participate in outdoor activities and spend time with family and friends.

To view the full report click [here](#).





Plan your trip on [RV Trip Wizard](#) to filter RV parks by affiliation, including AAA. (Photo by Bradley Gordon/Flickr)

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR AAA DISCOUNTS

By Nikki Cleveland

Having a membership to AAA can be a lifesaver in case your car or RV breaks down and you need roadside assistance, but did you know that members can also get discounts on everything from shopping to lodging? Taking advantage of all their included discounts can pay for your membership in itself, even if you don't end up needing their services on the side of the highway.

Save money on products and services

Browse their website at [AAA.com/discounts](#) to see all of your local discounts and filter them by category, from lodging and dining to health and shopping. Some of their big retail partners include NAPA Auto Parts, [1-800-Flowers](#), Dell Computers, [HP.com](#), Reebok Outlet Stores, Crocs, Sprint, Papa John's, Sears Optical, LensCrafters, and the UPS store. They also provide [AAA Prescription Savings](#) that can save up to 75% off medicine for you and your pet.

As a member, you can also save on activities and entertainment, including tickets to the Blue Man Group, Six Flags, San Diego Zoo, LEGOLAND California Resort, and Universal Studios Hollywood. Hotels like Hilton and Marriott as well as

rental companies like Penske and Hertz also give AAA members a percentage off their rates.

How to find AAA discounts while you're traveling

AAA has useful online [Travel Guides](#) for members who want to save as much as possible while they're on the road. These guides have helpful links to all of the area's hotels, campgrounds, attractions, restaurants and more.

The easiest way to find RV parks that offer a AAA discount is by planning your route on [RV Trip Wizard](#). You can filter RV parks by affiliation, including AAA, [KOA](#), Passport America, and Thousand Trails.

Since many local businesses are affiliated with AAA, it's always a good idea to ask if they offer a discount before you pay the full price. Some companies offer AAA discounts but only for certain products or services. Also, keep in mind that AAA discounts can vary by region. For more information on the member discounts in your area, see their website at [AAA.com/discounts](#).

Products

TMC CLASS C COACHES NOW ARRIVING AT U.S. DEALERS

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

Thor Motor Coach (TMC) model year 2020 Class C motorhomes are arriving at dealerships across the United States and Canada.

According to a press release, Four Winds and Chateau motorhomes feature large storage compartments for convenience on the road. Consumers can pick from Ford, Chevy or Mercedes-Benz Sprinter chassis, ranging from 24-feet to over 32-feet long. Models also offer a variety of floorplan choices, in-



cluding theater seating, bunk beds, no slides and a full-wall slide.

The Quantum features leatherette furniture, solid-surface kitchen counters and hardwood cabinetry. This year, the front cap is completely redesigned and includes a larger windshield, which increases visibility for scenic viewing. Two Quantum floorplans feature a washer/dryer combo prep area and the brand new JM31 offers optional theater seating and a walk-in closet in the master bedroom.

All models are equipped with high-tech features, including the Winegard Connect 2.0 system which has the option to connect to campground Wi-Fi or use the AT&T 4G network for nationwide coverage. SiriusXM radio provides uninterrupted music without having to change the channel constantly. For those who need places to charge phones or tablets, all of the Class C models have multiple USB charging ports throughout the vehicle.

“We’re seeing a demand for features that are typically in higher-end Class A models, whether it’s a king size bed or washer/dryer prep,” says Gary Stanton, product manager for Thor Motor Coach. “It’s been exciting to incorporate these amenities and meet consumer’s needs.”

In addition, Thor Motor Coach has developed a web-based portal, the Owners Resource. This portal gives owners access to important information on their motorhome, including factory-installed components and equipment and owners manuals. Along with the Owners Resource, the new Thor Motor Coach app helps track RV service, maintenance and trip planning.

TMC A.C.E. COACHES OFFERING PET FRIENDLY FEATURES

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

Thor Motor Coach is delivering new 2020 Thor Motor Coach A.C.E. motorhomes to dealers this summer. According to a press release, the lineup is focused on the way RVers traveled with pets, featuring the hidden Kibble Station with an F.D.A.-approved pet bowl liner in the bathroom or bedroom.

The exterior Pet-Link multi-purpose tie-down prevents pets from wandering too far. And the "Bird's Eye" window provides a view for pets and is truly a safety feature for drivers.

Residential vinyl flooring and leatherette furniture make clean-up easy while the outside shower provides a quick rinse for dirty paws or a full-sized bath for dogs. The Motorhome Mudroom compartment is a great place to put a cat litter box.

In addition, the line features the new A.C.E. 32.3 floorplan featuring bunk beds, a king-sized bed, and a full-wall slideout. Consumers can choose from three new interior decors which include all new flooring and countertops, two exterior graphics, and a new cabinetry wood color.

New technology includes the Winegard Connect 2.0 4G LTE router and Wi-Fi extender and the Thor Motor Coach app. The app serves as a companion to Thor Motor Coach owners, tracking maintenance, keeping service records, and sending notifications when it's time for maintenance. Additionally, it functions as an integrated link to Roadtrippers, a trip planning tool.

NEW IN-FLOOR STORAGE SECURITY LID FROM TUFFY CREATES SAFE STORAGE IN 2019 RAM TRUCKS

CORTEZ, Colo. - When secure storage of firearms and other valuables is a must, Dodge Ram truck owners turn to Tuffy Security Products for components that work seamlessly within the vehicle. As part of its expanding RAM product line, Tuffy's new #357 In-floor Storage Security Lid for the 2019 RAM 1500 Crew Cab replaces the existing plastic original equipment factory cover to create durable and theft-resistant storage in hidden vehicle floor compartments. The heavy-duty Security Lid (#357) turns the standard in-floor compartment into more than 650 cubic feet of secure lockable storage space, while making a more durable deck surface to support items placed on top.

Constructed from 16-gauge and 1/8-inch thick welded steel, the unique design of the Part #357 security lid adds exceptional strength as well as protection against compartment tampering. The In-floor Storage Security Lid is equipped with Tuffy's patented Pry-Guard locking system, which consists of a 10-tumbler double bitted security lock and accompanying key. The locking system deters theft to keep valuable



items safely stowed away. During compartment loading and unloading, the Pry-Guard latch mechanism allows the cover to shut without being locked.



Tuffy Security Products enhances the quality steel construction of the security lid with a continuously welded steel hinge and rattle-free bump stops to create a storage solution that is far sturdier and more secure than the plastic original equipment version. The durable black powder coat finish of the low-profile security lid withstands years of steady use with no cracking or chipping.

Installation is quick and easy using standard hand tools and the supplied steel fastening hardware. In just a few minutes Tuffy's In-floor Storage Security Lid #357 can be installed with or without the plastic liner to add peace-of-mind when storing firearms or valued items.

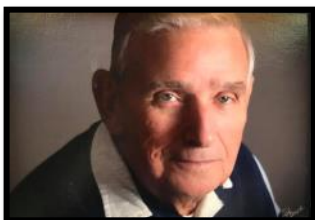
"The 357 In-floor Storage Security Lid is just another example of the innovation RAM 1500 truck owners can expect from our line of security storage products," said Tuffy Security Products Marketing Manager Chip Olson.

About Tuffy Security Products

Tuffy Security Products safeguard valuable gear with American-made craftsmanship. The full line of Tuffy security solutions provide premium, superior protection against theft, enable safe cargo management, increase gear accessibility and offer the option of flexible keyless lock-entry for multiple users. Tuffy Security Products is a portfolio company of Kinderhook Industries and a sister company of Bestop, Inc., maker of Jeep and truck soft tops and accessories. For more information, visit Tuffy Security Products' website at www.tuffyproducts.com or call 800-348-8339. Follow on Facebook: @tuffyproducts, Twitter: @tuffyproducts

Farewells

RAYMOND BRANDT, PAST COMPTROLLER



Raymond J. (Ray) Brandt, 87 of Mars, PA passed away on Friday, July 5th at his home. Ray served FCRV for two terms of Comptroller in the 1990's. He and his late wife, Kay were charter members of the Martians Chapter, one of the first in Western, PA. They later also belonged to the Moraine Blazing Star Chapter where he served as Treasurer for several years.

Ray worked as an accountant for Epstein, Tabor and Schorr in Pittsburgh and later as accountant for the Sleep Center of Pittsburgh. He was a member of St. Killian Church. He enjoyed his work and continued part-time until recently. Ray enjoyed cooking over the campfire and until this year he would come camping with his son's family (Charles, Kim and the triplets).

He is survived by his children, Terri Brandt, Donald (Jane) Brandt, and Charles (Kim) Brandt as well as grandchildren, Melissa (Brett) Marion, Adam (Jess) Brandt, Gloria Brandt, Amber (Lance) Smith, and Layla, Liz, Jason, Charles Jr., Andrew, and Erin Brandt. There are also six great grandchildren. They loved and will miss their "Pappy." Condolences may be sent to sixbrandts@yahoo.com.

Russell Allen Kunes, 64, 6-6-19, Bollingbrook Illinois, Dupage Drifters Chapter.

J Wright Concepts *Hose-Grip* RV *Cable Grip*

Patent # US D813,658

J WRIGHT CONCEPTS

PATENT # US D786,661

**Attaching your water hose
to the RV Park faucet
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August 1 - 4, 2019 - Northeast Regional Campout

Lycoming County Fairgrounds. The Pennsylvania State Association in combination with the Northeast Region of FCRV is planning "A Weekend in the Islands" at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds in Hughesville, PA. There will be something for everyone from the young to the young at hearts! For more information please contact Patty Campbell at tacmamma@gmail.com or Jeanie Kelly at rkelly4911@aol.com. Registration form on the FCRV website.

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 27-29, 2019 - Blue Water Mixer

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI, donrocky64@hotmail.com. See Registration Form on website www.fcrv.org



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RETIREE RALLY
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DOTHAN, ALABAMA
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 20th – 23rd
RALLY DAYS: MARCH 24th – 30th**



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CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL IN JANUARY. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE SUPPLY THE ADDRESS BELOW:

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WHICH ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR? CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: _____ IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES: _____ NO: _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: _____ NO: _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN YOUR UNIT? _____

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING: TO BE PARKED IN SPECIAL NEEDS (HANDICAPPED) AREA, YOU MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR AN UP-TO DATE: DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS: _____

GUESTS ARE WELCOME: Guests or Non-FCRV members are welcome. They can be in your unit or their own. Have them complete a registration form, indicate they are your guests and send the correct amount. We strongly suggest they enter the camping area at the same time you do. We are guests or NON-FCRV members of:

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EARLY BIRD DAYS: (MARCH 20 - 23) FEE \$30 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC AND WILL BE COLLECT AT DOTHAN.
RALLY FEE- MARCH 24 - 30 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping with water and electric, Ice Cream Social, two evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	PRE-REGISTRATION (PAID IN ADVANCE FULL)	AT THE GATE:
Two people in a unit:	\$250	\$275
Single person in unit:	\$220	\$245
Camp Pass or 3 rd person in unit:	\$100	

REFUND POLICY: REFUNDS MUST BE REQUESTED IN WRITING BY MAIL, EMAIL OR PHONE CALL TO THE REGISTRAR. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL AFTER THE RALLY. Refunds requested before March 15th 2020, will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$225, one person in a unit will receive \$195. Camp Pass will receive no refunds.

Make checks or money order (US Currency) payable to: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2020. NO CREDIT CARDS. 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 or email them at pramlow@aol.com

I would like to volunteer for: _____

Campvention 2020 registration form will be in next issue and on www.fcrv.org