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From the Trustees - Sue Carlson

November is a good time to contemplate and count our blessings. Are we succeeding in our purpose? Have we met our responsibilities? Have we been kind to others? Are we ready for winter? But mostly, November is a month for which we give thanks – for our family, our friends, our health, our livelihood, and all that God has given us. Several years ago, Barb Turner began circulating information about members in need of prayers through her “Update.” President, Shari Weber, learned first-hand what “family” means when our members learned about her daughter’s serious health situation. In addition to receiving many supportive responses, Shari also discovered there were others in our camping family who were living productive lives with the same medical condition. This realization gave the Weber family, especially Heather, a renewed sense of hope. We can all be thankful for Barb’s efforts to keep us connected and the power of prayer during our time of need. We are truly blessed to be part of a wonderful camping family.

The trustees are thankful for the new leadership that has stepped forward to fill several vacancies. Your enthusiasm and ideas are definitely welcome. We are pleased to report a smooth transition between Scott Serbousek and Matt Mantia, our current Vice President of Planning & Development. We are proud of our membership retention numbers this past year. We once again give thanks for a successful campvention in Kansas and look forward to meeting again in Brigden, Ontario. Finally, we are grateful for the efforts of the Nominating Committee in recruiting candidates for three open trustee positions: President of FCRV, Vice President of Programs, and Recording/Corresponding Officer. If you would like to be considered for one of the positions listed above, or know someone who should be, contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. Please help us find qualified individuals who can provide leadership to our organization as we step into the future. Nominations are still open through November. The Committee members are: Dave Ludwig, Chairman; Lew Acre, Sue Carlsen, Glen Dains, and Dale Huston

We wish all of our “snowbirds” safe travels as you head south for the winter. And to our members in the north – enjoy the wintry weather – a blanket of snow

is indeed a beautiful sight. I am reminded of a Japanese proverb: One kind word can warm three winter months.

I would like to leave you with a request to review the purpose of Family Campers and RVers and ask yourself if there is more we could be doing to fulfill our commitment in the coming year. The trustees along with the entire Executive Board welcome your input as we evaluate recommended changes to our structure and future campventions.

Purpose

To encourage the people of North America and elsewhere to participate in recreational activities which protect, conserve, and defend the natural resources set aside by the Government of the United States, or any other government, for the purpose of conserving the scenery and wildlife unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

- To promote physical fitness, self-reliance, sound camping and hiking skills, an appreciation of nature, and ecological dependence, and obedience to laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the utilization of natural resources on public and private lands by its membership.
- To carry on educational and charitable purposes directly by application of assets of the Association for such purposes or indirectly by contributing from such assets to the work other persons, trusts, funds, or foundations whose purposes, objectives and/or operations are exclusively educational, literary, historic, or charitable.
- To provide scholarship assistance to members and their children who intend to pursue studies in wildlife management, conservation, and/or forestry, related studies, and/or all other fields of study.
- To provide wildlife grant assistance to members who participate in our wildlife protection, and to award grants to other organizations participating in wildlife conservation.

The trustees wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving!

Note: Shari will begin writing the President’s column bi-monthly with the trustees taking turns during the months in between. This article was written by Sue Carlsen, Recording/Corresponding Officer.



49TH FCRV INTERNATIONAL

RETIREE RALLY

NATIONAL PEANUT FAIRGROUNDS

DOTHAN, ALABAMA

EARLY DAYS: MARCH 20th – 23rd

RALLY DAYS: MARCH 24th – 30th



NEWS FROM THE RETIREE RALLY COORDINATORS

With all going on with Tommy, we have not been able to go to Dothan and check out some things. Thanks to Ron and Reba for doing that for us. Hopefully, after Christmas, he will be able to make the ride and we can send in news then.

We have great chairs and co-chairs who have been working hard on their committees. A special 'Thank You' for getting your info to Barb. We have been doing some asking around to get some goody bag items and told yes, come back closer to time.

Hope you will come to the 2020 retiree rally and Gooser Down. We look forward to seeing each of one of you.

Happy Thanksgiving

Tommy and Gayle



FOOD BANK & LAP ROBES

by Ashley & Gloria Taylor,
Food Bank Chairs



We are coming to you in asking for aid and support of the local food bank in Dothan, Alabama in March, 2020. It would help them to be able to purchase more food with cash, but we will take all gifts. Our FCRV family has always had an open heart to give to the area where we enjoy your rallies.

We are also asking for lap robes. We've been sharing lap robes with local nursing home/hospitals for several years at the Retiree Rally. We look forward to receiving many this year in Dothan. Your efforts are so appreciated.



ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

by Mary Burrus, Chair

The Alternates Committee is a group of members that help out at the Retirees Rally wherever needed, i.e. helping with games, crafts, assisting others at the catered meals, etc. Serving on this Committee is an excellent way to meet others and have a good time, also. If you would be interested in adding your name to our list, you may contact Mary Burrus, mburrus@ptmc.net, PH 336-339-6844. You may also sign up when you arrive at the Rally; however, if we have your name prior to arrival, it helps us with our planning. We're looking forward to seeing you in Dothan, Alabama in March, 2020.



DOOR PRIZES REQUEST

by Pat Crow, Door Prize Chair



If you're heading south for warmer weather
Or just staying home,
Be sure to get it together
Before you start to roam,
And don't forget your door prize for Dothan.

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CRAFT – TILE TRIVET

by Sandi Wingert

This craft is making a glass tile trivet all materials needed will be supplied and available for your use. The craft will cost \$6.00 for the materials needed to make your trivet. This craft will take about one hour to complete and may require additional cleaning of the tile surface after the grout has set overnight. This can easily be done with a damp paper towel, or cloth.

We will provide a frame and back board for the tiles. (Left side on picture)

You will select glass tiles and create your own personal design. (Center of picture)

Grout the backboard and set tiles per your design.

Grout between tiles and as grout sets clean excess grout from tile surface. (Finished trivet on right side of picture)



VETERANS INFORMATION

by Ron Braley, FCRV Veterans Program Director



When and why did Veterans Day become a holiday?

Veterans Day is NOT the Same as Memorial Day.

A lot of Americans get this confused, and we'll be honest — it can be a little annoying to all of the living veterans out there. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word “armistice” to “veterans” so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, Veterans Day's date was changed, too, and it confused everybody.

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.

On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however.

Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 “Remembrance Day.” Canada’s observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more akin to our Memorial Day.

Great Britain calls it “Remembrance Day,” too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with parades, services and two minutes of silence in London to honor those who lost their lives in war.

I would like to hear from each state as to how and where they normally celebrate Veterans Day so that as we travel through the different states during that time we could stop by and celebrate with you if we were in the area. (FCRV-Veterans@outlook.com)

Retiree Rally - Dothan, Alabama

www.armyaviationmuseum.org for information about the Museum.

www.dothan.org for information on Dothan.

I would like to thank Jan Cushing for getting me in contact with her cousin Chris who is a civilian employee of the army teaching air traffic control which is what he did before he retired from active duty at Fort Rucker near Dothan.



VARIETY NIGHT SHOW TRADITION CONTINUES

by George Walters, Chair



For the last several years it has been the tradition of the Retiree Rally to have a variety show after the very moving Memorial Service. This has allowed us to transition from a fitting remembrance of FCRV members who have died since the last rally to a relaxing and fun evening that features our own homegrown talent.

The variety night lasts about 90 minutes, and we try to have 12-15 ‘acts’. Individuals are allowed 5 minutes, and group skits are allowed 10 minutes. We usually have several states and a couple of provinces represented in this variety night.

Sign-up will be during the first two days of registration, but now is the time to be thinking about something you, your chapter, state/province could perform to entertain us all. If you can sing, do recitations, play an instrument, dance, do monologues –comic or serious-, or have a group skit, we hope you’ll sign up.

Think about it, and we’ll see you at registration.



RETIREE RALLY FLEA MARKET



March is just around the corner. 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.

Richard and Frances Jackson, Flea Market Chairs
Fred Muckle, Flea Market Co-Chair



GAMES AT DOTHAN RETIREE RALLY

By Bill Alderman, Games Chair



“Come On Down and Play with Us!”

Games, both scheduled and “just have fun” are a significant part of the FCRV Rally. Everyone can play, including those new to the game(s). We’ll have Sign-Ups at Registration, but you can Just Show UP and you will play.

The First Afternoon, at 2:00 we’ll have Frog Races, which is a lot of fun (and noise)

We have indoor games of Card Bingo (where you might win a \$1 gold coin), 3-13 cards, Chicken-Foot Dominos, Skip-Bo Cards

The outdoor games are: Washer Toss, Bean Bag Toss, and Hillbilly (ladder) Golf.

Saturday morning, we have Bean-Bag Baseball with Teams of 9. Anyone who can fling a small bean bag can play. Almost everyone who attends the Rally will be involved: about 85 percent are on teams, others are Umpires and Score Keepers and a few handle Registration. Bean-Bag players are loud (“Trash-Talking is permitted and encouraged).



EVER WONDER WHERE UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE GOES?

by Barb Turner, Rally PR Chair

For several years I’ve heard about the location where unclaimed baggage goes. We’ve not been there, but it sounded intriguing to share with the FCRV Retiree Rally 2020 attendees. The Unclaimed Baggage Center is located in Scottsboro, Alabama, a little over 300 miles north of Dothan, the rally site. The center might be put on your ‘must list’ as you travel to the rally or heading north after the rally. Address: 509 W Willow St, Scottsboro, AL 35768 Hours: Open: 9 AM-6 PM Monday thru Friday; 8 AM-7 PM on Saturday; closed Sunday.

In 1970 Doyle & Sue Owens started the Unclaimed Baggage Center as a part-time business. They had an idea as they drove to Washington, D.C. in a borrowed pick-up truck and a \$300 loan to pick up their first load of unclaimed baggage. The contents were sold on card tables in an old rented house. Instant success! It was so successful that they expanded in 1995. It is now the size of a full city block where more than 7,000 new items are added every day! Amazing! It is the only lost luggage store in the United States. It is one of Alabama’s top tourist attractions hosting over a million visitors a year from every state and over 40 foreign countries.

Unclaimed luggage and cargo is a problem for airlines that try to find the owners. Airlines do a search for owners of lost and unclaimed baggage and cargo. Passengers or shippers whose baggage or cargo is determined to be lost are reimbursed. If it is later found, the luggage and its contents as well as cargo can be sold. Unclaimed luggage and cargo can also be sold.

The unclaimed and lost luggage and cargo arrive at the center’s processing facility by tractor-trailers. Clothing which is about 60% of the center’s merchandise is laundered and dry-cleaned at the in-house facility, the largest in Alabama. Fine jewelry is cleaned and appraised. Electronic equipment is tested and cleaned of personal information.

Would you like the experience of opening an unprocessed bag? Be there at 2:30 PM Monday-Saturday, and you may get the chance to do just that. One of the websites says, “Every bag tells a story; you never know what you might find!”

There is also an on-site museum that displays the more exotic, rare, and valuable items. "Among the items on display are a violin dating from the 1700s, Egyptian artifacts, and 'Hoggle', the gnome-like gatekeeper from Jim Hensen's *Labyrinth*."

If the Unclaimed Baggage Center interests you, visit www.unclaimedbaggage.com. At www.yelp.com/biz/unclaimed-baggage-center-scottsboro, peruse the many photos. And, visit the Unclaimed Baggage Center on YouTube.

Before or after the FCRV Retiree Rally 2020 in Dothan, Alabama plan a visit to The Unclaimed Baggage Center in Scottsboro, Alabama. See you in Dothan and 'Goober-Down;!



HANNAH AVENELLE ROBB HELPS TOYS FOR TOTS



Miss FCRV 2013, Hannah Robb is helping Louisville, Kentucky with the annual Toys For Tots Drive. Hannah won the title of Miss Capitol City in the Miss KY Scholarship Pageant. She was among the top 8 finalists and first in talent and is in the running again this year. Hannah organized and is heading the first Little Miss Toys For Tots Pageant for kids age 0 - 3 years, which was approved by the National Board. It is designed to help promote the T.F.T, program whose goal it is to get enough toys and donations so that needy children in every county of the state receive a toy for Christmas. Hannah is a student at Bellarmine University majoring in Business.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RICHARD!



Richard Randall and his wife Vera joined FCRV (NCHA) in 1968. At the end of the month he will be celebrating his 93rd birthday! Vera and Richard still enjoy camping with their chapter the Fiddlers Green in the Western New York area. This is a picture of him doing his favorite thing at camp.

SUNFLOWER RAMBLERS



Sunflower Ramblers (Buhler Ramblers) a KCA chapter has been a chapter for 55 year.

Congratulations!

FCRV Activities

MISS FCRV 2019 MACEY STUCKWISCH



Macey Stuckwisch, Miss FCRV 2019 had a great weekend at the Indiana State Campout. It was fun to see everyone again, especially little Otto.

SOUTH DAKOTA NIGHT OWLS VOLUNTEERED



Members of the Night Owls from Aberdeen SD, volunteered their time to help the. South Dakota State at Minna SD, to build and then later go back to help paint the Kayak shed. The park will now be able to rent out Kayak's as well as other water fun items.

The State Park thanked us for our time. Saying that volunteers like our group helps them, more than we think.



WILDLIFE GRANTS PRESENTED BY MARY LEHNARD



Leroy Zacheral of Spring Valley Park
in Saxonburg, PA



T Lyle Ferderber of Glade Run Lake Conservancy



WINTER ADDRESS CHANGE

Snowbirds and Winter Texans (and basically anyone who relocates to warmer locations for the winter) you need to update your mailing address with the FCRV office, and let them know when you will be at which address? It's important this year, because the office will probably need to work with ballots for the 2020 elections. Email: fcrvnat@verizon.net



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D.A.S.A.T.

THE MEASLES ACADEMIC

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.

When was the last time you turned on the television and the first news article dealt with the spread of measles. Measles has been around for a long time. "A Persian doctors in the 9th century published one of the first accounts dealing with this disease. In 1757, a Scottish physician, Francis Home stated that measles is caused by an infectious agent in the blood of patients. By the year 1912, measles became a nationally notifiable disease in the United States. Over 6,000 measles related deaths were recorded each year. A vaccine became available in 1963 nearly all children under the age of 15 got measles. At that time it is estimated that nearly 400-500 died, and 48,000 were hospitalized, and over 1,000 suffered swelling of the brain from measles." (1) In 1963 a vaccine for the virus was licensed, and by the year 1968 a vaccine was manufactured and available for everyone. Since that time, the measles vaccine is combined with the mumps and rubella.



The Center for Disease Control in 1978 set a goal to eradicate this disease from the United States. The goal was not met by 1982, but a drastic reduction of this spread of this disease did occur. As a result of aggressive prevention this disease almost disappeared.

"In the year 2000, the United States declared that measles was eliminated from this country, thanks to a highly effective measles vaccine, a strong vaccination program target towards children and a public health education campaign." (2) It is important to fully understand that since this date, the cases of active measles has increase from year to year. Why, because many people have taken to circulating false information and have taken the stance that the measles "shots" have or will have diverse effects for their child. Medical experts can provide you with precise information about the dangers of various vaccinations, but an ounce of prevention can go a long way towards your health and the health of others. Becoming proactive is very important in today's society. Ac-

quire accurate information from reliable sources, investigate, and make a health decision. Let us all help prevent such outbreaks of measles in the future.

Moving forward, people are on the go, traveling to faraway places near and far. It is important to realize that other countries do not have aggressive preventive measures in place and what may be obsolete in one country may or may not be eliminated in another. Thus this virus has spread once again creating large out breaks and spreading of this disease. "Measles is the most contagious virus out there and it can stay in a room for up to 3 hours after an infected person has already left that room" (2) If by chance you were one of the those people in the room who did not have the preventive "shots" of prevention you have a 90% chance of being infected by this disease. The infected person, the carrier, travels about and unknowingly infects many other individuals. Unknowingly by their activities they have spread the measles germs to many unsuspecting individuals.

Briefly, what are the signs and symptoms of measles? The signs of measles begins one to two weeks after exposure. It is not just a little rash that appears on your body. Measles can be dangerous, especially for the young. It begins with the presence of a high fever, a cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes. After about 2-3 day tiny white spots begin to appear inside the mouth. Three to five day later, a rash breaks out which usually begins as red spots that appear along the hair line and the face. They spread quickly down the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet. Small bumps may also appear on the very top of the red spots. It is possible for the spots to become joined as they spread. When the rash appears, it is possible for the body temperature to raise to 104 degree, which is very dangerous. (2)



The question that has caused the most attention in society today, is am I protected against this disease. The answer is a simple yes, once you have received the measles vaccine, and the booster shoots. Without this simple measure of prevention you can be exposed to measles. Most school districts in require proof that the student has received the proper measles vaccine. If by chance you have not received this "shot" it is best to consult with your doctor. An ounce of prevention is mean all the difference. "The measles vaccine is very effective. Two doses of measles vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles if exposed to the virus. One dose is about 93% effective." (2)

If you find yourself exposed to this virus, the first and most important step is to seek medical care immediately and let them know you have been exposed to measles. They will help you take the necessary steps to formulate a treatment and provide you with information to protect others from this disease.

Measles, like a lot of other unknown diseases from centuries ago is preventable. Education yourself with the facts. It is important to become proactive to prevent this and other diseases from spreading. Having a healthy body, will result in a very long productive life. Look to the future....an ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold.

Sources:

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://ced.gov/measles/about.history.html>)
2. MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center HEALTH/Summer Publication 2019, pps 8-9

STATE CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATIONS REPORT STRONG YEAR

RVBusiness By: [Ben Quiggle](#)



Despite a wet spring — including some severe flooding in different regions of the United States — officials at state campground owner associations say that the 2019 summer season was a great one for many park owners, with interest among campers at an all-time high.

RVB sister publication *Woodall's Campground Management* reported that Paul Bambei, CEO and president of the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC), said it was safe to say that the 2019 season has been a good one for most park owners.

“We are hearing from our members that things started off slow due to a wet spring and early summer in many parts of the country, especially the east and north, which especially affected weekend campers who are more weather-driven,” he explained to WOODALLSCM.com (WCM). “But as the weather improved, the campground economy improved with it through mid-summer and on into Labor Day weekend.

“Of course, Hurricane Dorian in early September was especially hard on parts of the southeast, causing a forced evacuation in several coastal states, including camping strongholds like Myrtle Beach, S.C., where a five-day evacuation was imposed,” he added. “I’ve talked with several park owners in this region who said up until Dorian, they were up year over year, but now may be looking at breaking even.”

ARVC has sent out surveys to its members and hopes to offer more concrete information on how the industry fared through its *2019 Industry Trends and Insights Survey*.

In Maryland, Deb Carter, executive director of the Maryland Association of Campgrounds, noted that member parks were packed this summer.

“This year we had a very hot, and much drier summer as compared to 2018,” she said. “We also saw our second year of the vast majority of schools starting after Labor Day. That gave us another full week of summer, not just for campers, but for staff as well, which was a big benefit economically.”

Milford, Ohio-based Leisure Systems Inc. (LSI), which franchises around 75 Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Park Camp-Resorts throughout North America, has seen a number of its parks impacted by flooding, including one park in Oklahoma that was forced to close early for the season. Still, Trent Hershenson, vice president of marketing for LSI, said campers were eager to return to parks that were impacted by flooding and rain.

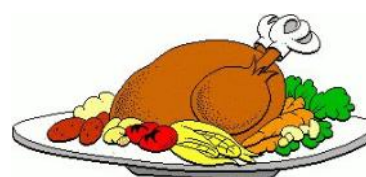
“Basically, as soon as the water went away people were asking to come back,” he explained.

Hershenson said that LSI is expecting its 11th straight year of growth in 2019, with their parks seeing sales up 12% over 2018 during the first six months of the year.

“That is a really big deal because last year was our biggest year ever across the network, so to see an increase from that is great,” he explained.

For the full story click [here](#).

<https://woodallscm.com/state-associations-report-2019-was-a-great-year/>



LAKE LINCOLN STATE PARK IN MISSISSIPPI

By Kip & Jan Cushing



Near Wesson, MS you will find this out of the way beautiful State park. This was our second stop on our trip to the Retiree Rally in LA.

It has two sections one is semi shaded as you can see in the picture on the bottom. I was getting my steps in for the day and went exploring. I found a bridge to cross that gave me a sight of a couple huge catfish swimming nearby. I was then in the parking lot for the large beach area. No Life guards and there was signs coming in to the park “Beware the Alligators” so I’m not so sure I would want to go swimming. But, there were some folks walking the beach.

I then moved into the upper loop of the campground and found lots of paved level sites in the trees. In the off season these with electric 20/30/50 and water ran \$16.50/ night.



Continuing down to the lower loop by the lake we found more paved level sights and I only saw one or two my unit would be too long for. We were in site 64 and 66 but, 71-64 are very nice. They had electric 20-30-50, sewer, and water for \$30/night. The showers and laundry is on the lower loop and quite nice.

They do not allow pets in them they have a State Law prohibiting it, it was a block bldg and the only shelter from a raging storm.

We stayed here going down and coming back the sites we had were just sweet. The rangers were also very courteous with information and accommodations. Try it you’ll like it.



WEIRD AND FUNNY RV STORIES

Author : Erin Maxson



Weird and Funny RV Stories might just have you giggling and groaning at the same time! Traveling across the country in an RV sometimes brings funny looks, funny people, and funny stories. Though we all experience travel moments on the road that bring us joy, laughter, and awe, we also find ourselves in weird, funny, and frustrating situations that teach us a lesson.

Here are a few of the stories most RVers can relate to, whether they be good, bad, or ugly. (We will present these stories as we have space in the next months)

The Black Tank Geyser

A trip to see the geysers at Yellowstone would be much nicer than this, but one RVer experienced a geyser all of his own (no pun intended) inside his rig while cleaning out his [black tank](#).

After a month of living in his rig, the guy decided it was indeed time to clean out the sewer lines. A clogged black tank fought back as the man tried desperately to flush out the mess as it was connected to a temporary tank outside his rig. Shortly after attempting to flush it, a geyser of the black tank contents came flying up and out into the rig.

With his wife dry heaving outside, he miserably watched as the river of unmentionable yuck floated from one end of the RV to the other. It’s one smelly mistake that taught him to always flush with the dump valve open!



ROTV ADDING 'NE SPORTS NETWORK' TO PROGRAMMING

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Oct 16, 2019



“Rollin’ On TV” (ROTV) announced an expansion on its program carriage agreement with the addition of the New England Sports Network (NESN) which covers seven New England states.

According to a press release, “ROTV” is also available on NESN NATIONAL available on various major cable systems including, AT&T U-Verse, Time Warner Cable, Bright House Communications and Verizon Fios. NESN NATIONAL is also part of all DISH and Direct TV packages nationwide.

Because of the extent of this expansion and the number of cable systems and cities involved, we won’t have a complete number of homes reached for another month or so, but it’s well into the mid-seven-digit range,” said Executive Producer Jose Moniz.

A listing of the new cities and cable systems included in this expansion can be viewed at <https://nesn.com/about-nesn-national/> or visit <https://rollinontv.com/tv-schedule/>. Moniz noted RITV will be announcing more stations and network expansions by the end of the year. For more information about “Rollin’ On TV” visit www.rollinontv.com.

TRANSCORE INTRODUCES RV TOLL PASS WITH NATIONWIDE COVERAGE



New RV Toll Pass now allows RVers to conveniently use open road tolling across the country with a single transponder and account

Nashville, Tenn. – Today, TransCore announced a new product that allows RVers to travel across the country using only one transponder to pay tolls electronically without stopping at a toll booth. RV Toll Pass (www.rvtollpass.com) will change the way RVers travel across the country through different tolling jurisdictions.

RV Toll Pass, with TransCore’s multi-protocol National Pass technology, is available for all RV configurations, including motor homes and trailers and allows users to be tolled at the electronic rate, which is typically lower than the cash or video toll rate.

With toll roads in 35 states, until now, RVers have had to navigate different tolling systems, buy multiple tolling transponders, or search for routes to avoid tolling altogether. With RV Toll Pass, drivers can bypass narrow cash lanes conveniently and safely without the worry of receiving unexpected toll charges or violations in the mail.

RV Toll Pass is tailored exclusively to the needs of the RV community and features a single transponder and single billing account that can be used across multiple tolling jurisdictions. Moreover, users are only charged for the service in months the transponder is used. It is ideal for Snowbirds.

“This technology will change the way RVers use toll roads,” said Don Brady, TransCore’s Vice President of Business Development. “Convenience is key as it makes traveling across the country and through heavily tolled regions much easier. Drivers won’t have to worry about cash lanes, getting on the wrong toll road or making sure they have the right transponder for where they’re going.”

The RV Toll Pass has a five-year battery life with typical use and typically pays for itself in a single trip. It is available for immediate purchase online at RVTollPass.com from major RV equipment suppliers WESCO Distribution and REV Group Parts.

TransCore has also collaborated with Newmar Corporation to pre-install RV Toll Pass in new RVs. Owners will simply activate the device online. “This product makes perfect sense for any RVer who is traveling cross country on toll roads,” said John Sammut, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Newmar Corporation.

To learn more about RV Toll Pass, visit www.RVTollPass.com

NOVEMBER FACT

In the United States and Canada, November is National Beard Month or No Shave Month.

RVs & Products

VW AMERICA TO UNVEIL CONCEPT 'TYPE 20' CAMPERVAN

by: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Oct 12, 2019 |



Volkswagen Group of America has unveiled its Type 20 concept campervan to show off future technologies, including lightweight design and electric motors.

Out & About Live reported that the unity was created from a 1962 Type 2 11-window Microbus and has been converted to electric power and showcases a variety of experimental elements, including an all-electric drivetrain, including a 10kWh battery, 2,500-watt on-board charger, and a 120bhp electric motor.

It also features a custom-designed active pneumatic suspension developed with Porsche, which adjusts the vehicle's ride height via software. This allows the Type 20 to rise as the driver approaches.

It also includes a real-time facial recognition system integrated with the digital assistant to identify users from a camera in the driver's-side second window.

For the full story click [here](#).

<https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/motorhomes/news/vw-america-unveils-concept-campervan-in>



November Facts

November starts on the same day of the week as February in common years, and March every year. November ends on the same day of the week as August every year.



CAMP365: NOT YOUR GRANDFATHER'S POP-UP

By Patrick Buchanan October 4, 2019

The new Camp365 travel trailer, with a starting weight under 1500 pounds, can be towed by virtually any vehicle on the market.



A new [towable camper](#) arrived at the [Elkhart RV Dealer Open House](#) this year. Occupying a space just outside the entrance to the RV Hall of Fame property, Camp365, which bills itself as *The Cabin That Goes Everywhere*, made its Open House debut.

This new camper, with a starting weight [under 1500 pounds](#), can be towed by any vehicle on the market. Camp365 states that the adjustable wheelbase can be cranked down to just 48 inches and it can even be towed by a Toyota Prius or a Mini Cooper.



room for a total of 700 cubic square feet.

The Camp365 uses an ingenious system of accessories that slide in and out of the living space. A table, sink, stove-top, and even a toilet are all part of a nifty system to slide and swap accessories.

A 12-gallon tank provides hot or cold fresh water and empties into a 12-gallon gray tank, courtesy of the stainless steel sink. The slide-out toilet with the built-in black tank slides out into a space where the



privacy curtain doubles as a changing area inside the small but spacious camper.



There are plenty of options available as well, including TV mounts, bunk beds for the kids, a fold-out [solar panel](#) for the existing solar-ready connection, and a rack for paddleboards, bikes, canoes, or kayaks. Step outside and take advantage of the optional shower and another private dressing space.

The floor of the Camp365 opens up to reveal in-floor storage, part of the 39 cubic feet of overall storage available. Efficient heating and [air conditioning](#) are taken care of by the latest technology, keeping you at just the right temperature as you move quietly around the Camp365's soft MarineMat flooring, warranted for three years.

The USB, 12V, & 120V AC ports keep your essentials charged and running so you can enjoy and share your camping journeys.

When closed up, the Camp365 is a durable, aerodynamic hard shell towable. When parked and fully opened, it's an all-weather, 365-day camper that can be used from [Florida](#) to [Alaska](#).



The sleek and modern Camp365 uses no wood in construction, which means no rot and no [mildew](#) for your rustic outdoor adventures. You can even take the Camp365 through rugged terrain with the optional 14" off-road wheels, rims, and extra-wide fenders, giving you another 5" clearance over the roughest terrain.

Once your great camping trip is over, the Camp365 folds up and fits in your garage or storage shed, ready for your next adventure. The patented *Cabin That Goes Everywhere* may be the new kid on the block, but that kid has nearly 10 years of engineering development.



Make camping a year-round activity, check out the Camp365 [travel trailer](#). It's definitely not your Grandfather's pop-up.

http://rvlife.com/camp365/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email

NORTHERN SPIRIT TRAILERS NOW OFFER 'MAX BED' SYSTEM

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Oct 5, 2019

RV Care, Canada's largest RV dealer network, in partnership with Coachmen RV, debuted the Northern Spirit XTR at the 2019 Forest River Product Expo during last week's Elkhart RV Open House.



According to a press release, The Northern Spirit XTR features the Max Bed storage system, which uses struts to lift the entire mattress base and mattress, making the entirety of the under-bed area accessible for interior storage. The Northern Spirit XTR also features a downsized platform that will appeal to consumers who use smaller tow vehicles.

RV Care/Northern Spirit dealers, which include 30 across Canada, will be able to offer the Mx Bed to their customers beginning in December 2019.

Derek Paterson, VP of Sales and Marketing for RV Care/Northern Spirit said, "the overwhelming positive comments I received from our supporting dealers were very encouraging. We haven't seen innovation like this in many, many years. It's an innovative and refreshing concept that Andy Brock and the Coachmen team are bringing to our RV Care/Northern Spirit dealer body."

RV Care anticipates most Northern Spirit dealers will have the first model, 2145 RBX, in stock by year's end, with a bunk model shipping early next year. The new Northern Spirit XTR featuring Max Bed storage system will be displayed at most major RV shows across Canada during the 2020 show season.

Hymer's 'Galileo' Concept Envisions a Driverless RV

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Oct 10, 2019

Autonomous driving seems to be the future of motoring, and Germany's [Erwin Hymer Group](#), a powerhouse in the motorhome industry, has the Galileo concept to imagine what an RV might be like when a steering wheel is no longer a necessary feature. It's a tiny apartment going down the highway.

As reported by Motor1.com, Hymer imagines the Galileo as a modular vehicle. A flat chassis holds the electric powertrain, and the company would apply the body on top. According to the company, this layout would allow for more customization for the interior living area.

Another advantage of switching to autonomous technology and using an electric powertrain is that there no longer needs to be a dashboard or any physical controls. This creates even more available space within the same footprint, and that means more living space for the folks inside.

Hymer's video pitches this as a way for your vacation to start from the moment that you hit the road. Occupants ride in a home-away-from-home with all the amenities that they could want until they reach their destination.

For the full story click [here](#).

<https://www.motor1.com/news/375059/hymer-galileo-concept-autonomous-motorhome/>

LONGVIEW INTRODUCES SLIP-ON MIRRORS FOR RAM, SILVERADO

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Oct 18, 2019

Longview Towing Mirrors announced new slip-on mirror products for the Dodge Ram 1500 (LVT-3120) and GMC Sierra/Chevrolet Silverado (LVT-1820).

According to a press release, the custom extension towing mirrors are made from durable, UV-rated PC/ABS plastic, and OEM glass. Designed specifically for the make and model of the OEM mirror, and can adjust for puddle lights and blinkers.

The Longview towing mirror installation knobs are made with durable ABS plastic while the mirror face is made with scratch-resistant glass, according to the company. The mirror is also manually adjustable to get the right view down and beyond the trailer.



The Longview slip-on mirror does not hinder the view from the existing vehicle mirror. Installation hooks are made from a durable acetal plastic. Each mirror fits over the OEM mirror according to vehicle specifications. Users are asked to check the specific model to ensure it fits both black and chrome, OEM mirror prior to purchasing.

Longview Towing Mirrors are designed to withstand the elements and are aerodynamic to help prevent wind drag and reduces vibration when extending the view. All products come in pairs, featuring one slip-on towing mirror for the driver side and one for the passenger side of the vehicle along with installation parts and an instruction sheet.

Retail pricing for the LVT-1820 and LVT-3120 are \$84 per pair. Products will be available for shipping in November through RV dealers, RV distribution or by contacting Longview Towing Mirrors directly.



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Camping Today

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November 2019

Family Campers and RVers

Profit and Loss

July 2018 - June 2019

	Total
Income	
3000 Dues	
3001 New Member Dues	5,320.00
3002 Renewal Dues	43,840.70
3003 Second Year Dues	6,920.00
3004 Third Year Dues	2,913.00
3010 Life & Extra months	18,429.57
Total 3000 Dues	<u>77,423.27</u>
3006A Non-Dues	
3005 FCRV Insignia	584.90
3007 Postage Income	40.00
3008 FCRV Merchandise	1,725.00
3014 Commercial Member Dues	2,830.00
3020 Retiree Rally Net Income	2,000.00
3024 Camping Today Subscriptions	1,340.00
3029 Miscellaneous Income	55.00
3065 Retiree Rally Gross Income	0.00
3071 Realized gains on investments	7,468.79
Total 3006A Non-Dues	<u>16,043.69</u>
3100 Interest and Dividends	
3102 Edward Jones Capital Gains	1,998.36
3103 Edward Jones Interest	8,246.11
3104 Edward Jones Dividends	11,842.58
Total 3100 Interest and Dividends	<u>22,087.05</u>
3500A Miscellaneous	
3500 Returned Checks	-160.00
3501 Refunds	-12.00
3502 Canadian Exchange	-187.28
Total 3500A Miscellaneous	<u>359.28</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 115,194.73</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 115,194.73</u>
Expenses	
4000 Office	
4001 Rent	8,525.00
4002 Telephone	1,363.40
4003 Supplies	1,092.03
4004 Postage	3,109.49
4008 Insurance	514.87
4010 Printed Forms	4,344.47
4011 Equipment Leasing	443.72
4015 Computer Services	2,835.90

4017 Office Cleaning	695.24
4018 Miscellaneous	130.35
Total 4000 Office	<u>23,054.47</u>
4100 Publication	
4104 Composition - Printing	406.75
4106 Magazine Postage	318.73
4107 Editor Service	5,400.00
Total 4100 Publication	<u>6,125.48</u>
5000 A Trustees	
5030 Comptroller	50.00
5070 VP Operations	100.32
Total 5000 A Trustees	<u>150.32</u>
6000 A Program Dir.	
6005 Conservation Program	26.00
6010 Campvention Director	167.98
6020 CAMP Program	45.09
6055 Scholarship Program	8.00
6090 Placque & Trophy Co-ordinator	88.69
Total 6000 A Program Dir.	<u>335.76</u>
8000 A State & Pro. Dir.	
8180 Pennsylvania	66.76
Total 8000 A State & Pro. Dir.	<u>66.76</u>
9000 Field	
9001 Liability Insurance	15,404.77
9002 Audit	475.00
9003 Legal	5,000.00
9005 FCRV Merchandise	2,259.00
9007 Awards	56.81
9008 Advertising and Promotion	3,920.62
9009 Teen Royalty Gifts	876.98
9029 Bank Charges	1,598.91
9044 Membership Development & Ret.	208.31
9047 Program Coupons	482.50
9047A C.A.M.P. COUPONS (deleted)	0.00
9047B D.A.S.A.T. COUPONS (deleted)	0.00
9047D CONSERVATION COUPONS (deleted)	0.00
Total 9047 Program Coupons	<u>482.50</u>
9051 St/Prov. R V Shows	420.33
9090 Miscellaneous	320.68
9400 Campvention Loss	6,957.35
9509 Exec Board Meeting	1,662.66
9510 Budget/Trustee Meeting	1,488.51
9533 Conference Calls	468.00
Total 9000 Field	<u>41,600.43</u>
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	3,911.15
Wages	45,786.50
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>49,697.65</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 121,030.87</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 5,836.14</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 5,836.14</u>

<p>NCHA SCHOLARSHIP, INC. d.ba. FCRV SCHOLARSHIP, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019</p>		<p>FINANCIAL REPORT NCHA WILDLIFE REFUGE, INC. d.ba. FCRV WILDLIFE REUGE INC. JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019</p>	
ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2018 (HELD AT EDWARD JONES)	ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2018		
CASH			
MONEY MARKET	MONEY MARKET FUND		6.42
EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED END FUNDS	EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED FUNDS		49,055.26
MUTUAL FUNDS	MUTUAL FUNDS		36,580.62
			<u>85,642.30</u>
PLUS RECEIPTS - JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019	PLUS RECEIPTS - JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019		
CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS		875.00
LESS DISBURSEMENTS - JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019	LESS DISBURSEMENTS - JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019		
ADVISORY SOLUTIONS FEES	GRANTS		(5,100.00)
SCHOLARSHIPS	ADVISORY SOLUTIONS FEES		<u>(895.44)</u>
SCHOLARSHIP FEES			(5,995.44)
	CHANGE IN VALUE - JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019		5,355.66
CHANGE IN VALUE	TOTAL ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2019		85,877.52
TOTAL ASSETS JUNE 30, 2019			
ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2019 (HELD AT EDWARD JONES)	ASSETS HELD AT EDWARD JONES JUNE 30, 2019		
CASH	CASH		0.03
MONEY MARKET	MONEY MARKET FUND		-
EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED END FUNDS	EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED FUNDS		43,859.96
MUTUAL FUNDS	MUTUAL FUNDS		<u>42,017.53</u>
	ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2019		85,877.52

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

December 11, 2019 - Mid Florida Snowbirds Flocking

Golden Corral, Zephyrhills at 2 PM. We are usually at 1 PM, so this is a change due to room availability. Mark you calendars!

December 26 – January 2 – Texas New Year's Eve Party

Red Rock RV Park, 1995 C.R. 1803, Grand Saline, TX. Camp or party only. Party – dinner 6:30, entertainment, byob, \$25/person, Let Lawrence Phillips know you are coming - pamphillips@netzero.com. Camping \$29 / night, make reservation with CG 214-668-4825. More details on www.fcrv.org.

MARCH

March 24-30, 2020 – 49th International Retiree Campout

National Peanut Fairgrounds, Dothan, AL. Early days March 20-23

July 13-17, 2020 – 69th International Campvention

Brigden Fairgrounds, 2435 Courtright Line, Brigden, ON N1N 1B0



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Two people in a unit:	\$250	\$275
Single person in unit:	\$220	\$245
Camp Pass or 3 rd person in unit:	\$100	

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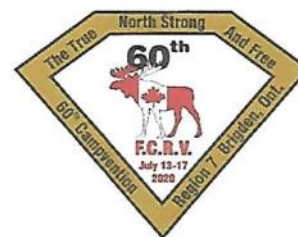
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Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Tent _____
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of Adults: _____, Teens: _____, Youth 0-12: _____, Total # of people in unit: _____
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Name	Age	Name	Age

Gates will be open from 8am- 8pm (all days)

REGISTRATION

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be Canadian currency of cheques or money orders. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	Registration	At Gate
One Family in the Unit	\$325 CDN	\$335 CDN
Extra Family in Unit (pay separate)	\$ 200 CDN	\$210 CDN
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