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From the President - Shari Weber



This is the last time I write to you as your President. Next month you will hear from your new President, Gerry Pfirsch. I have enjoyed serving you as your President and will continue to service in my new capacity as Immediate Past President. I want to thank Jack Smye, Past President, George Walters, Vice President Programs (the first to hold this position), and Sue Carlsen, Recording/Corresponding Officer for all they have done in service to FCRV. I enjoyed working with all of them. Gerry, President, Lorne Douglas, Vice President Programs, and Beth Standiford, Recording/Corresponding Officer will be installed during our virtual campvention later this month.

Virtual Campvention

Speaking of Virtual Campvention, please look for articles in this issue on activities to watch and participate in. It is amazing to me that this idea has become a reality. There are activities planned for each day. A few of the activities are planned for live presentation and then available to view any time. We will leave campvention activities available to view until about August 17th. This is all new for us and I hope you enjoy this opportunity to connect with your FCRV family/

See you at Virtual Campvention! Shari

Dear Family,

As the pandemic crisis began the Trustees decided to give a grace period on dues for all anniversary dates falling during April, May, and June. No member is being dropped during this time. All members will have until September 7th to pay their dues. Recently the trustees reviewed this concern again. Our organization has only two sources of income. One is individual and commercial member dues and the other is our national rallies. We do not receive grants nor funding from corporations or foundations. Except for two part time employees the leadership of FCRV comes from volunteers. Your camping family is also a business that has ongoing expenses. We maintain a website to assist you in understanding our programs and ongoing activities. Insurance still had to be paid. Office expenses and employee payroll still must be met. All of this comes at a cost. The trustees share your disappointment in all the cancellations of campouts. Those cancellations involved our two national rallies which provide revenue to

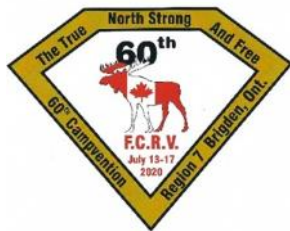
help keep dues lower and pay our ongoing expenses. Dues were last changed in 2016 and set at \$35 and \$45 CDN. The organization does have reserves to use at times like these. However, we have over the past 10 years consistently tapped those reserves at the average rate of \$30,000 per year. The Trustees reviewed the dues and decided it is not fiscally responsible to do anything at this time. We realize there might be people who have suffered substantially during the Covid crisis. FCRV does have a provision to help members affected negatively by disaster. Please contact any one of the Trustees if you are in need of assistance.

The trustees hope you will take advantage of the virtual campvention which was put together to provide connection among our family of campers.

Sincerely,

The Trustees

Shari, Jack, Sue F, George, Matt, Sue C, Jan



VIRTUAL CAMPVENTION

The True North Strong & Free

We are less than month away from our virtual Campvention! FCRV leadership and the campvention team including Camy Hicks, Lynn Acre, and Lorne Douglas (with Jill Serbousek providing technical expertise) put their heads together to create an exciting event that we can all attend while staying at home.

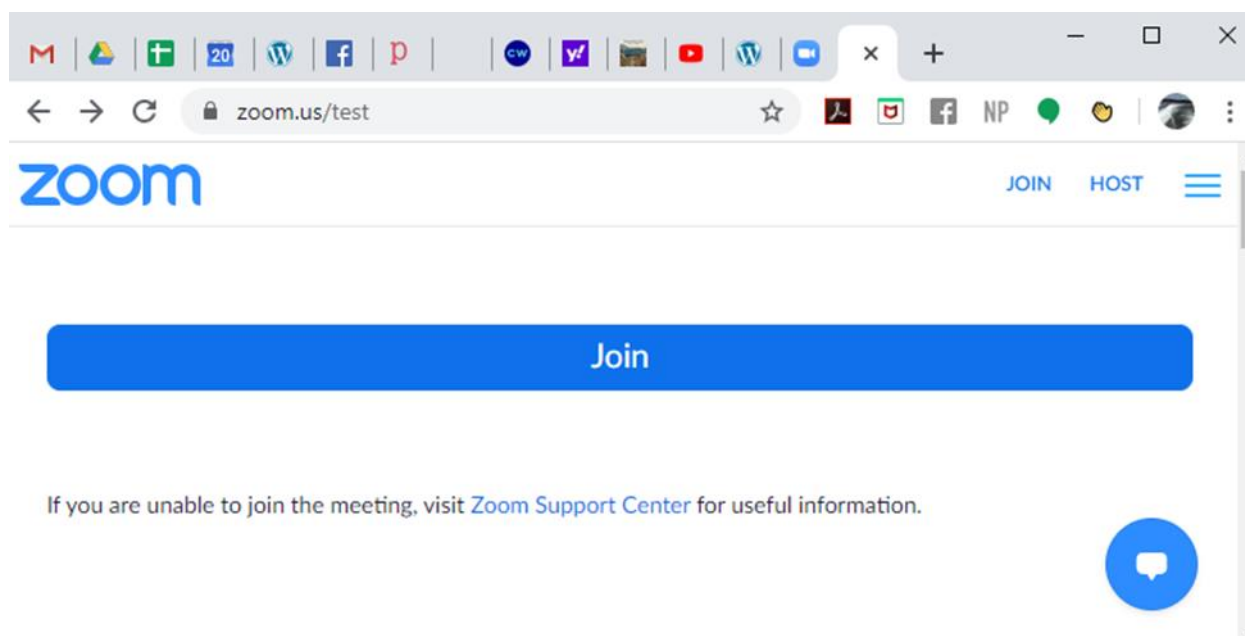
Campvention activities will be held during the original campvention dates of July 13 – 17, 2020. Below are directions on how to connect to the activities and a schedule of the activities.

Preparing to Join Zoom Meetings

There are very good instructions and a video on the Zoom Support website that will provide you with the best introduction but we have tried to summarize here. For more details go to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>

You can join Zoom meetings from your desktop, laptop, smart phone, or tablet.

A software installation will be required so before the day of the event, visit zoom.us/test to “join” a test meeting.



If joining from a desktop or laptop for the first time, you will be prompted to install the Zoom Client. Follow the prompts to complete the install. If you have previously installed the client but haven't used it since the software's last update, you will be prompted to install the latest version. Follow the prompts to complete that.

If you are joining from your smart phone or tablet, go to your app store and download the Zoom Cloud Meetings App PRIOR to joining the test meeting.

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Annual Membership Meeting

Since we cannot come together in person, we will be holding the annual membership meeting via Zoom on July 16th. The trustees will present an update on the state of the organization and the new officers will be sworn in. We hope you will join us live via Zoom. No registration is required and the link will be provided on the website and FB group. Please join us in support of your new trustees who have volunteered their time to the organization!

Campvention Seminars

Live Seminars by SkyMed and TireMinder

We will be hosting two live seminars with vendors via Zoom. The vendors will introduce themselves, present a video, then take questions. If you'd like to participate in these seminars, please go to the Campvention website and register by July 9 if possible. We'd like to provide a head count for the vendors so that they know approximately how many people will attend. If you can't join us for the live seminar, we will post the recordings within the week. If you have any questions about participation please email Jill at jnserbousek@gmail.com

Pre-Recorded Seminars

In addition to the live seminars, TireMinder will be providing 2 shorter videos leading up to their live seminar. The links to the videos will be posted on the specific day of Campvention listed on the schedule. We also have a video demonstration of Zoom Cleaning Products that will be released. After you have watched the video, we hope you'll fill out a survey for a chance to win 1 of 12 product giveaways from Zoom Cleaning.

Campvention Entertainment

Most of the Campvention Entertainment will be pre-recorded videos that will be premiering on the night scheduled. Links will be provided on the website.

We will have one LIVE entertainer who will be coming to us from Ontario via Facebook Live. He is not charging us but will be singing for tips so we hope our members will support him. He will provide a link to his PayPal information on the night of the show. NOTE: You do NOT need to have a Facebook account to watch the live stream over Facebook. The link will be provided on the Campvention web site on the night of the event. You do NOT need a PayPal account to tip.

Youth Activities

While we do not have any live youth activities planned, there will be several crafts and book reading videos provided on a daily basis. We've created these videos with the youth in mind, but we think they will also be fun for the young at heart! We hope you will check them out!

Teen Activities

Two live teen events are planned. Game Night will be hosted by Ann & Emily Kurburski. Teens can obtain the link for the online meeting by emailing Emily at emilykurburski@gmail.com by July 9.

Jill & Scott Serbousek will host the teen ball on Wednesday night after entertainment. As with recent balls, adults will be allowed to join for a short period in the beginning, then be asked to leave. We're putting together a slide show of pictures from past teen events and we'll introduce our teen royalty. After a couple of songs for the adults to dance to, we'll kick them out and continue our dance party with the teens and young adults. That's right, we hope you'll stay to hang out with the teens if you are 25 or younger. We encourage those who participate to come up with a fun virtual background or decorate their room or door for the party.

Registration will be required to get the link to the Zoom meeting, so visit the Campvention page today to get registered!!

Crafts

There will be several craft opportunities of different flavors during Campvention for kids and adults

Paint Night



We've engaged an outside artist for a private virtual paint party Monday July 13th 7-9PM. Diana McGuirk-Hille is a local art teacher and artist in the Florida Keys. She has been teaching for the last 13 years and graduated from Mahattanville College in 2004.

Please Pay: Venmo or Zelle (Diana McGuirk Diana.artworld@gmail or 305-924-7974) for the class. (\$10 for the class) or you send a check to Diana's Art World, P.O Box 2621, Long Key, FL 33001

Here is a suggestion to set up your painting space: Have a water cup, paper towel, a paper plate as your palette, good lighting, electronic device to view the class, printed picture of the image and optional beverage/ snack.

Supplies you will need: brushes (variety of sizes), acrylic paint set and a canvas 9x12 or larger. You can pick up your supplies at any local craft store or you can order from Blick Art Materials <https://www.dickblick.com> (keep in mind it takes

about 7 days to arrive).

To get the link for the Zoom meeting and a printable version of the picture, please email Jill Serbousek at jnsserbousek@gmail.com.

Homemade Gel Air Fresheners

Misty Stuckwisch will be leading us in a live craft where we'll be making homemade gel air fresheners. Registration is required to get the link to the Zoom meeting. Find the registration on the Campvention page and sign up today! You will need to have the following supplies prior to the event:

- 4 oz mason jars (this recipe will fill exactly 2 jars).
- Frog lids for the mason jars OR Two rings and tulle OR wide woven cloth to cover the jar
- 2 packets of gelatin powder (found near the baking supplies at any grocery store)
- Food coloring (optional)
- Fragrance oil or essential oils of choice!
- Mixing Bowl
- Spoon
- Measuring cup

Homemade Finger Paints & Sidewalk Paint

Jane Alft will present pre-recorded videos for making homemade finger paints and sidewalk paint. All you will need is flour, sugar, water, dish soap and food coloring!

Homemade Bird House

Jane Alft will present a pre-recorded video for making a homemade bird house. Pick up these supplies before Campvention starts: Empty Toilet Paper Rolls, Sturdy sticks, 2 per roll, 6-8 inches long, Bird seed, Peanut butter, String or ribbon, Hole punch

Fairy Jar

Mason Jar (glass or plastic), Glitter, Glow Sticks, Serrated Knife

DIY Garden Gazing Balls

Barb Skipper will present a pre-recorded video for Garden Gazing Balls and a Tealight Campfire Light. Get your supplies ready for Campvention week:

Clear plastic or glass diy 'Christmas' balls - any size, wax crayons, cheese grater, glitter (optional), blow dryer, string for hanging, battery tealight (if desired)

Tealight Campfire Light

Coloured popsicle sticks or tongue depressors (or plain and paint if desired), wax crayons, wax paper, cheese grater or pencil sharpener, iron, scissors, glue gun, battery tea light

Campers Actively Moving

In addition to daily videos that will be released, we encourage members to participate in our virtual week-long C.A.M.P. event. Get active and report your miles and minutes. Let's see how many miles and minutes our members can rack up in a week! You can: hike, bike, kayak, canoe, run, walk, yoga, golf, bowl, do aerobics, dance, and more!

Rules and Reporting

- Must have at least two members participating in an activity and take place between July 13 and July 17. Participants can be from the same household or different households but both must be FCRV Members.
- The member(s) should report their activity to their chapter CAMP chairperson by July 20 . If a member does not belong to a chapter or have a chapter chairperson they should report their activity to the State/Provincial CAMP Chairperson.
- The Chapter CAMP Chairperson will send a Chapter report of activities to the State/Provincial CAMP chairperson. Reports should be mailed or emailed by no later than July 31st.
- The State/Provincial CAMP Chairperson will send a state report of activities to the National CAMP Directors. Reports should be mailed or emailed by no later than August 14th.
- National CAMP Directors will process and send certificates back to the state chairperson for distribution to chapter/people

Contact Dick & Kathy Buresh, National C.A.M.P Directors at fcrv.campdir@gmail.com for any questions about reporting your activity.

Corn Hole Tournament

We will be doing a virtual Corn Hole Tournament July 12th at 7 PM EST for Virtual Campvention. If you have your own set of boards or if you can play at a friend's home and join a Zoom meeting you are capable of participating in this event. Please email Scott Serbousek by July 5th to reserve your space at saserbousek@gmail.com

A meeting to discuss the rules and how to play virtual corn hole will be held on July 8 at 8 p.m. EDT via Zoom. If you cannot attend the meeting but still want to play, separate arrangements will be made.

Parades

We received almost 20 float entries and a plethora of pets! Parade videos will be available to watch with links on the web site on their respective days. You won't want to miss it!!

Check out badge hangers for Campvention 2020 in "Product Section" page of this issue offered by Karen's Embroidery/Kreative LASER Design

On the day of the event click on the link provided to you on the website, Facebook or email to join the meeting. You may be prompted to open Zoom and should click the button to open Zoom.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday July 12

5 p.m. EDT / 3 p.m. MDT – Opening Ceremonies

7 p.m. EDT / 3 p.m. MDT – Corn Hole Tournament – Please email Scott Serbousek by June 30th to reserve your space. saserbousek@gmail.com



Daily

[C.A.M.P](#) activity on your own

Monday July 13

Line Dancing

Zoom Outdoor Cleaning Products

Tire Safety by Tire Minder

Homemade Finger Paint with Jane Alft

12 p.m. EDT / 10 a.m. MDT – Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping Book Reading

5:30 p.m. EDT / 3:30 p.m. MDT – FCRV International Band Concert

7 p.m. EDT / 5 p.m. MDT – Live Paint Class (registration and fee required)



Tuesday July 14

Chair Cardio

Tire Safety Part II by Tire Minder

12 p.m. EDT / 10 a.m. MDT – Good Night Campsite Book Reading by the author

4 p.m. EDT / 2 p.m. MDT – SkyMed Seminar – Live via Zoom – [Registration](#) Requested

6 p.m. EDT / 4 p.m. MDT – Kiley Joe Masson [Facebook](#) Live Concert

7:30 p.m. EDT / 5:30 p.m. MDT – National Awards Presentation



Wednesday July 15

Chair Yoga

Nature Craft with Jane Alft

12 p.m. EDT / 10 a.m. MDT – Pet Parade

5 p.m. EDT / 3 p.m. MDT – Tire Minder Seminar – Live via Zoom – [Registration](#) Requested

7 p.m. EDT / 5 p.m. MDT – FCRV Past Royalty Variety Show



Thursday July 16

12 p.m. EDT / 10 a.m. MDT – The Tent Mouse and The RV Mouse Book Reading by the author

1 p.m. EDT / 11 a.m. MDT – Murder Mystery Presentation

6 p.m. EDT / 4 p.m. MDT – Adult Craft with Misty Stuckwish – Live via Zoom

Friday July 17

Chair Tap Dance

12 p.m. EDT / 10 a.m. MDT – FCRV International Parade

1 p.m. EDT / 11 a.m. MDT – Closing Ceremonies



50TH ANNIVERSARY

FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY

MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER

1150 NORTH NEWSOM STREET

MINEOLA, TEXAS 75773

RALLY STARTS: MARCH 23 THRU MARCH 28, 2021

EARLY DAYS: MARCH 19 TO MARCH 22

FISHIN' FOR FIFTY

By Jan & Kip Cushing

We are the chairman of the fiftieth Retiree Rally, March 23-29, 2021 in Mineola, TX. We're getting ready for opening day. The theme is "Fishin' For Fifty," and we are angling to reel you in to some unique activities that feature fishing and fifty.

We still need to lure in some more of you to head up the schools (committees). If you would like to be caught, please jump into the net by contacting us. Our e-mail address is kcushing@wi.rr.com.



50th FCRV International Retiree Rally Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas

By Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

Mineola came into existence when the railroads built lines through the eastern part of the state. Mineola Civic Center and RV Park is located in historic Mineola, in beautiful East Texas. The Mineola Civic Center and RV Park has full hookups with 30 or 50 amp on large, level, concrete sites with green grass. Fast WiFi! Shower facilities will be available. It lies at the junction of U.S. highways 69 and 80, eighty miles east of Dallas in southwestern Wood County/ about 20 miles north of Tyler, TX which is on I-20.

The registration form is included in this Camping Today July issue. Over the next few months, Rally Coordinators Kip & Jan Cushing, rally committee chairs, and I will share what to expect in Mineola in March. Stay tuned!



FCRV RETIREE DIRECTORS

Hello FCRV Retirees,

We were so looking forward in going to Dothan for 2020 International Retiree Rally, but with all the concerns of Coronavirus, we had no choice but to cancel it. We seeing everyone sure missed.

“Fishing for Fifty” is the theme as it is our 50 years of International Retiree Rallies. It should be a great one. With Kip and Jan Cushing hosting this rally, I’m thinking lots of fun. Come join us for a reunion of 50 years of National Campers and Hikers and Family Campers and RVers. We might want to share a lot of memories of time gone by. If you have some memories and want to share, please email them to me or to Kip and Jan Cushing. My e-mail address is reba256@yahoo.com and Kip & Jan Cushing is kcushing@wi.rr.com. We will try to use them some way at the rally. We need funnies, serious, and eventful comments and also pictures of past people that you want to remember.

We look forward to getting this International Rally up and started. Taking a year off has been tough. Hopefully everyone will stay well and stay clear of the coronavirus. We wish you all a healthy year. If you would like to volunteer for a committee or be on a committee please email Kip and Jan. We look forward in seeing everyone there at Mineola in of March 2021.

Ronald & Reba Ray
National Retiree Directors



CORRECTIONS

Tahlia Demarest was 1st Runner-up in Teen Queen competition. It was mistakenly listed as Kelly Demarest. Apologies to Tahlia.

Campvention Quiz answer was incorrect.

1974 Campvention was cancelled.

1973 Campvention was held in Los Banos, CA.



D.A.S.A.T.

Expirations Dates

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.

As things begin to open up and everyone starts to have gathering such as picnic and campout once again, have you ever wondered why there are so many dates on “food” packages? Do you truly understand what they mean? Which one is which and should I be concerned? All of the these questions will be addressed and clarified so that you can fully understand the difference between “best before”, “use by”, “open dating”, “sell by/display until” dating.

“Ninety percent of American misinterpret the dates on labels according to a recent study from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and throw out food that could still be consumed or frozen for later use.” (1) People throw out large quantiles of food every day because a “date” is on the product and we do not know exactly what it means. In general, most individuals feel that a date on a product is the spoilage date and once this date has passed, it is to be tossed. This is false information. “According to the Federal Government product, dating is not required by their regulations. Under the jurisdiction of the Food Safety and Inspection Services, (FSIS) for example: meat, poultry, and egg products dates may be voluntarily applied provided they are labeled in a manner that is truthful and not misleading in compliance with their regulations.” (5)

“In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration notes “a principle of U.S. food law it that foods in U.S. commerce must be wholesome and fit for consumption. However, the agency also states:

With the exception of infant formula, the laws that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Administer do not preclude the sale of food that is past the expiration date indicated on the label. FDA does not require food firms to place “expired by”, “use by” or “best before” dates on food products. This information is entirely at the discretion of the manufacturer.” (Wikipedia.org/wiki/Expiration_date)

The United States Department of Agriculture makes the following clarification when it comes to product dating. Dates printed on the foods indicate when items will no longer be at their peak quality. Dates are not for safety, exception baby formula. In Canada, according the Canadian Food Inspections Agency (CFIA) an expiration date on food differs from a best-before date. Thus, the misconception-many individuals believe the date on various “food” is the spoilage date. This is not true. “In Canada expiration dates must be used on the following food items: formulated liquid diets, foods represented for use in very low-energy diets. Meal replacements, nutritional supplements, and human milk substitutes (infant formula.)” (6)

Are you totally confused at this point? Just for some clarification, there is some differences on package dating in the U.S. and Canada has a slightly different distinction. Therefore, here are some general guideline that are very similar for both countries. Well, some simple explanations will help to simply the process. Here is a simple out line as to what each possible “dates” means and what you should or should not do when it comes to keeping or throwing out that “food” item.

If you see “best if used by /before” on a food product, this provides you with the best quality date or flavor for this given product. It is still good beyond the date on the package or can. The date is strictly a “freshness” date meaning that the product is still good and edible long past the date on the package. For example a cracker may be “stale” and has lost its crispness but it is still safe to eat.

The sell by date, is a date set by the producer of the product and it tells retailers when to remove the product from the store shelves. Buy the product before this date. It is safe to consume after this listed date. The basic goal here is for the consumer that the product it at its best quality which can last a long time depending on the product. As an example: milk, will last five to seven days past it sell-by-date before spoiling as long as it has been kept in the refrigerator.

The “use by” date on the product’s package indicates the last date the manufacture can offer and guarantees total freshness. This is the last date recommended for the best flavor or quality of the product. The only safety date mandated by the Federal Government is the expiration dates on the various varieties of infant formula. This is true in Canada as well.

Canned goods for example: canned fish, tuna, soups, and fruits and vegetables can be stored for two to five years in a cool place. Food with a high acid content such as canned juices, tomatoes and pickles can be stored for a year up to 18 months according to the USDA. If a can has a bulge on the top, bottom or sides, throw it out. A dented can that does not bulge is safe to consume. Non-perishable items such as cereal, grains and dried canned goods are useable past the date on the product. Fresh foods such as meats, dairy products and eggs are a very different story. These “food” items have a much shorter life span before they become unsafe to eat. Perishable foods held at unsafe temperatures can cause illness regardless of the package date indicated. Remember the general rule of thumb that; cold foods are to be kept refrigerated at all time.

Doctor Sana Mujahid, PHD, manager of food-safety research at Consumer Reports, states: “the best way to know whether a perishable food has spoiled is to simply trust your taste buds and sense of smell.” (1) If it smells bad, or simply tastes bad, and you are in doubt, simply throw it out. Food products will tell you if they have passed their prime, mold, bacteria, and yeast have developed displaying warning signs to your senses. A food product that has spoiled looks funny, smell awful, the texture has changed, and color all give indications of spoilage.

It is essential that you understand why dates are on various food products. So many people see dates on a product that has transpired and believe the product is unsafe to consume. People waste a lot of food because they do not understand the various aspects of product dating. Complicated, true, dates on food products are miss leading. With the exception of baby formula, dates on consumable products are there for freshness and quality not spoilage consideration and it is to be taken under advisement. The more you know the better you become an educated consumer. Happy Shopping.

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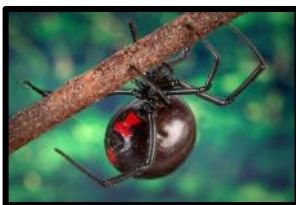
California Poison Control Offers Tips about Spider Bites

Poison San Francisco – June 15, 2020 - California Control System (CPCS suggests being on the

lookout for spiders which are increasingly active when temperatures rise. With more people sheltering at home or just starting to hike in the hills, the risk of bites is more likely. Spider bites can result in small puncture wounds, pain, redness, itching and swelling that can last a couple of days. Most bites are usually not serious. California Poison Control System received 2,500 calls related to insect and spider bites in 2019.

“Only a few spider species have fangs which can penetrate human skin and be worrisome to people. By following some precautions, people can minimize the chance of being bitten,” says Dr. Rais Vohra, Medical Director for the Fresno/Madera Division of CPCS. He added that, most spiders are killed only because they scare people, not because they are actually dangerous to humans. Spiders generally prefer to live in undisturbed areas where they can catch insects in peace.

Black widow spiders are very common in California, while the brown recluse spider is not a cause of human injury in the state. The black widow venom is dangerous even when baby spiders hatch. Black widows establish non-symmetrical webs in garages, closets, corners of patio furniture, as well as outdoors. They are usually not aggressive, so most bites occur because a spider is trapped or unintentionally touched. Dr. Vohra suggests the following spider bite prevention tips:



- Keep cribs and beds as far from the wall as possible.
- Shake all clothes thoroughly before wearing them.
- Check your bed thoroughly before climbing in; more so if the bed has not been slept in for a while
- Always put on gloves and long-sleeved shirts when going through or emptying closets, boxes or containers that have sat undisturbed for a while.
- Turn your shoes over and shake them out before putting them on.
- Teach children to respect spiders and to find an adult if they see one.

The symptoms of a black widow spider bite include minimal redness at the bite site, and gradually increasing pain over several hours after envenomation (venom is injected). Dr. Vohra added that the biggest problem with black widow spiders is that the bites are exceedingly painful. Patients usually describe an unrelenting, throbbing, dull pain near the site of the bite. In severe cases, the pain can become generalized and affect the whole back, torso or abdomen. A bite on the hand or arm can cause chest pain, and bites to the lower extremities can cause abdominal pain. A small area of redness or a localized sweat patch at the site of the bite is a tell-tale sign that doctors look for. If pain is increasingly severe, seek medical attention, as effective medicines are available.

Not all black widow bites need medical attention. Reasons to go to the doctor after a spider bite include discomfort which is increasingly severe; spreading local redness accompanied by pain and any drainage from a bite site.

People who believe that they have been bitten by a spider is far more common than actual spider bites, and many “bites” are actually bacterial skin infections. An expanding red painful area on the skin may be a staph infection and should be examined by a physician.

It should be noted that tarantulas, whether native or exotic, can also cause injury either with a bite or the irritation from their many hairs when they enter the skin or eyes.

Call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 (**number is the same in all states**) for questions about poison

encounters. Trained pharmacists, nurses and other providers are available to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service is free, confidential and interpreters are available.



COMMERCIAL CORNER



Good news for all members. We would like to welcome the follow new Commercial Members.

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Thank you to these vendors for joining the FCRV family. Be sure to watch the seminars presented by SKYMED and TIRE MINDER during the virtual Campvention. Please support all our Commercial Campground Members and Commercial Supplier Members.

KEYSTONE, BLUE DOG RV FULFILL CHILD'S 'MAKE-A-WISH' DREAM

By: [RVBusiness](https://www.rvbusiness.com) | Published on: Jun 12, 2020



Christopher, a 3-year-old boy with cystic fibrosis of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, had his wish for an RV camper granted Thursday (June 11) by Make-A-Wish Idaho, Blue Dog RV and Keystone RV Co.

Christopher, a fan of monster trucks and camping, and his family were given the 2021 Keystone Hideout travel trailer by Blue Dog RV, who along with Keystone agreed to defray a significant portion of the cost, as well as provide complementary upgrades such as hook-ups and “camp essential” items.

“We always look forward to participating with Chief Knight and the Make-A-Wish foundation” stated Jim Meeks, sales manager at Blue Dog RV. “Our entire team – and community – rallied around this cause, which is so special to us, and we loved to see the smile on Christopher’s face.”

Post Falls Police Chief, Pat Knight, who not only is part of Make-A-Wish Idaho’s northern Idaho leadership team but is also an RV aficionado, was instrumental in putting this wish together.

“We’re very happy to be granting this wish during these unprecedented times. I’m excited that Christopher and his family will be able to enjoy this camper over the summer and maybe have a break from all of life’s uncertainty,” said Knight.

Make-A-Wish Idaho faces a record number of wishes that are waiting to be granted as a result of the recent need to postpone all wishes that involve travel due to the public and medical concerns of COVID-19. Nearly

80% of all wishes involve travel, and 40 wishes from Make-A-Wish Idaho were impacted with additional wishes being impacted every day. The challenging circumstances have inspired Make-A-Wish to think creatively about how to bring hope and joy. Make-A-Wish Idaho is proud to be granting wishes like Christopher's during these uncertain times.

[Blue Dog RV](#) has multiple locations across the U.S. including Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Nevada and Pennsylvania.

PROPANE SAFETY: U-HAUL OFFERS FREE TANK INSPECTIONS ALL SUMMER

Stop in for free qualification checks on all cylinders at the 1,100-plus U-Haul stores where propane is sold

PHOENIX (June 19, 2020) — As families increase their use of backyard BBQs for summer grilling season, it's wise to ensure safety protocols are being followed. That's why U-Haul® is currently offering free safety inspections and qualification checks on all propane cylinders.



U-Haul certified propane technicians are trained to identify any issues with the cylinders, and dispense the cleaning-burning gas safely at low customer-friendly prices.

“We’re offering to check the qualification date on each propane users’ cylinder, examine the valve for any leaks, and inspect the tank for dents, cracks, gouges and rust,” said John Barnett, U-Haul propane program manager. “Any imperfections can be a danger, and we want to make certain everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer.”

Barnett estimates that as many as 7 million 20-pound propane tanks commonly used for BBQ grills enter the U.S. market annually. A large number of these tanks lapse in qualification each year and cannot be legally filled without inspection and requalification.

Propane tanks are qualified for 12 years from the original manufactured date stamped on their collars. Customers have two options if qualification has lapsed:

- They can visit a propane company to have a tank requalified, if it passes inspection. That can cost about \$25, and requalification lasts for five years.
- Or they can also purchase a [new 20-pound BBQ tank with a fuel gauge](#) that is qualified for 12 years, and is available at U-Haul stores for \$34.95.

U-Haul has been selling propane since 1984 and has been the largest retailer of the gas in the U.S. since 1987.

“Propane is a big part of our business and we’re inviting everyone to take advantage of a free inspection at any of our [1,110-plus Company-owned facilities where propane is sold](#),” Barnett added.



Propane is the focus of several U-Haul sustainability initiatives. The Company continues to grow its propane Autogas locations to service alternative-fuel vehicles, and champions green products like the 1-pound reusable propane cylinder, a safer and more responsible option to disposable tanks. Visit [uhaul.com/about/sustainability](https://www.uhaul.com/about/sustainability) to learn more about U-Haul ecofriendly practices.

As an essential service provider, U-Haul is open to meet the needs of its communities. For details on what U-Haul has done to enhance cleaning protocols, protect Team Members and customers, and encourage the use of programs that inherently promote social distancing and contactless business, please reference our multi-media press release: [“Moving Safely and Smartly during the COVID-19 Pandemic.”](#)

About U-Haul

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SURGE: ‘BIG INFLUX OF PEOPLE WHO’VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE’

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Jun 23, 2020 |

EDITOR’S NOTE: Showing no signs of letting up, reports continue to surface of the surging consumer demand for RVs.

New Hampshire outdoors and campgrounds are always a destination for tourists, but some sectors of that industry are starting to see an uptick in business and interest during the pandemic, according to [a report today \(June 22\) by WMUR](#).

It was a difficult few months for any industry, including places like RV dealerships. But, sales are starting to turn around at [Camping World in Chichester, N.H.](#), as people look to get outside and take their families on vacation. “We were off by probably 60%. Now, we’ve seen a boomerang the other way and we’re getting new buyers more than anything,” General Manager of Camping World Tony DiBenedetto said.

DiBenedetto said they made do during the pandemic by going virtual and delivering some RV’s to people’s homes. But lately, he has seen a new kind of customer. “We’re seeing a big influx of people who have never done this before. So, it’s kind of cool for us to kind of get all the newcomers in there. There’s a lot of questions,” he said.

- Right now, RV sales are through the roof, [local RV retailers told WDBJ](#). Those dealers say while the pandemic is driving people to the great outdoors, it’s also left them scrambling to meet the demand. That includes the staff at [American Family RV](#) in Salem, Va., meeting more American families than ever before.

“Nobody wants to fly or go on a cruise. Camping is social distancing at its best,” said owner Layne Rowland. He said since March, work has been steady, and then some. “It’s been incredibly busy,” he said.

Not only on the lot, but even online. General Manager Kevin Thomas said their website is getting three times the traffic they had pre-pandemic. “Our website has seen an increase so heavy that we’ve had to increase our package that was available to be able to accommodate everybody,” said Thomas.

- Families are taking titans of travel and making them king of the road. Travelers, vacationers and wanderers everywhere are trading in their Boeing 737 seats for the comfy couches and flat-screen TVs inside RVs, fifth-wheelers and travel trailers.

“That tells me they’re not going to Disneyland,” Tom Schaeffer, owner of [Tom Schaeffer’s RV Superstore](#) in Perry Township, Pa., [told WFMZ](#).

Schaeffer said he’s having a record sales year, made up of a lot of first-time buyers and families. “These new buyers have never had one, and they just want to get out,” said Schaeffer. Sure, they’re selling a record number of units, but Schaeffer said his dealership could run out of inventory on some of its most popular models as early as next month. That, along with lengthy pre-delivery inspections before every sale, at times it stretches them thin. “It gets to be a chore, let me tell you, when you’re hit with so many orders,” said Schaeffer.

- The RV industry is booming and the demand is starting to outweigh the supply, according to [a report by Spectrum News 1](#).

“Manufacturers shut down for about a month and a half which put about 20,000 units that aren’t on dealers’ lots, so inventory is getting hard to find,” said Jennifer Radel, president, [All Seasons RV](#) in Streetsboro, Ohio. Radel said her RV lot is only about half-full. That’s because sales are soaring. “It was pretty quiet for the first month and a half, but first of May everybody was kind of tired of being cooped up and have decided that RVing is a super safe way to travel, you don’t have to worry about airports or hotels, so our business has just skyrocketed,” said Radel.

THIS ‘N THAT

Beware of a scam on Facebook offering a chance on a drawing for a new Motorhome, RV ,or new car. Tiffin, Newmar, and Jayco have confirmed they are not associated with the post. It is simply a scam to get your personal information.

In 2019 the RV sector in Canada generated 67,200 jobs and 4.8 billion dollars to the economy. 21 million Canadians own an RV.

RV rental companies are reporting a huge increase in bookings due to the virus pandemic. People like staying in their own space, having their own bed and bathroom, and driving the same vehicle rather than renting a car.

Need a job. Bennet Transport in Goshen, Indiana is hiring drivers to deliver various RVs. The company delivers anything from, garbage trucks to motorhomes

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

- Forest River Inc. (Forest River) is recalling 122 2020-2021 Haulin, US Cargo, and US Cargo Trail N Sport cargo trailers. The safety chains are insufficient for the trailer’s Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and may break if the trailer comes unhitched.
- Keystone RV Company (Keystone) is recalling 41 2020 Springdale trailers, model 335BHWE. The affected trailers incorrectly have 4400 pound axles and ST255/75R15D tires and rims, instead of the correct 5200 pound axles and ST255/75R15E tires and rims as specified on the Federal Identification Tag.
- Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling 11,013 2019 Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner Spinter vans

(platform 970 (VS30)), equipped with swivel seats. The wiring harnesses for the front seats may have been routed incorrectly and could become jammed and damaged in the swivel seat frames.

- Jayco Inc. (Jayco) is recalling 666 2019-2020 Entegra Qwest and 2019-2021 Jayco Melbourne and Melbourne Prestige Class C motorhomes built on Mercedes-Benz Sprinter chassis. The Operator's Manual may not contain the correct information about how the automatic parking function ("Auto-P") operates.
- Jayco also is recalling 1,105 2020 Towable Eagle, Eagle HT, JayFlight, NorthPoint, Octane, Pinnacle, Seismic, and Talon recreational vehicles. The adhesive bond between the glass and the metal hinge frame of the frameless crank out vent and egress windows may fail which would then allow the glass to detach and fall out.
- Additionally, Jayco is recalling 449 2020 Motorized Alante, Greyhawk, Melbourne, Precept, Redhawk, Seneca, Accolade, Emblem, Esteem, Odyssey, Qwest, and Vision recreational vehicles. The adhesive bond between the glass and the metal hinge frame of the frameless crank out vent and egress windows may fail which would then allow the glass to detach and fall out

FIFTH-WHEEL MARKET ADDING TECHNOLOGY, SQUARE-FOOTAGE

By: [Gary Gerard](#) | Published on: Jun 10, 2020 RVBusiness

While travel trailers are still king of the market when it comes to annual RV sales, fifth-wheels command a significant – and growing – audience of devoted RVers.



OEMs are offering inviting floorplans with defined living spaces, innovative amenities, plenty of technology and lots of cargo storage. Those features, along with what many describe as an easier hookup and towing experience, makes the fifth wheel of today an attractive option. what many describe as an easier hookup and towing experience, makes the fifth wheel of today an attractive option.

And with a relaxing of fifth-wheel square footage limitations by the Recreational Vehicle Association of America (RVIA), the floorplans have the potential to become even more spacious.

"I think that's the biggest thing that's happening right now, especially in the large fifth-wheels," said Nate Goldenberg, general manager of the Solitude fifth-wheel and Momentum toy hauler lines at Grand Design RV, a subsidiary of Winnebago Industries.

In March, the RVIA Board of Directors approved [the removal of a board-mandated 430 square feet limitation in set-up mode for fifth-wheels](#). The decision was the result of a U.S. Housing and Urban Development ruling that RVs are not housing – a ruling based on findings from a cross-collaboration task force established during a previous RVIA board meeting.

"Now we can build bigger. And it doesn't necessarily mean longer, but you can make slides deeper. You can add slides," Goldenberg said. "It just gives us so much more versatility from a floorplan perspective." With regard to technology, Grand Design launched solar-equipped offerings in September, which have done well, he added. "In that area, I think some safety items, like cameras and tire pressure monitoring systems, are the most popular. We're hearing more and more about that," Goldenberg said. "But from an OEM perspective, a lot of times it's hard to spend money in those areas when customers can pick the best fit for them in the aftermarket."

While the typical customer for a fifth-wheel is generally a more experienced camper, Goldenberg is seeing that, “As an industry right now – especially with the COVID pandemic – there’s an increase in all new buyers in all demographics.”

He said Millennial buyers are trending more toward travel trailers but when today’s new buyers determine how much storage and space they need, what works best for their family and what they’re comfortable towing, some will naturally migrate to fifth-wheels.

“I can see in the coming years we could really see an extended boom because of these new buyers trading up,” Goldenberg said.

“The RV industry on the whole is on a boom,” said John Stringer, general manager for Forest River who oversees the Flagstaff and Rockwood sister lines of fifth-wheelers and travel trailers. “And there’s a natural migration of people toward fifth-wheels as they want to travel more.”

He said one segment of the market wants to camp in place for a longer period of time, pointing out that that’s really leaning toward the travel trailer buyer. But these days Stringer said he’s seeing more people who want to travel more frequently – every day, every other day or every third day.

“That’s the person who’s migrating toward the fifth-wheel,” he said.

And as those buyers edge up the percentage of fifth-wheelers on the road each year, Forest River is poised to offer eight new floorplans to broaden that market.

Another trend Stringer has noticed is that the fifth-wheel, primarily known as a couple’s coach, is now attracting more families.

“It’s becoming much more of a family coach – friends and family – things like that,” he said.

These buyers are seeking more options, which has led Forest River to offer solar panels and other technology aimed at off-grid camping, as well as tire pressure monitoring systems and Wi-Fi connectivity as standard equipment – all geared toward people who are spending more time on the road and in their coach.

“Where we’ve been most aggressive with Rockwood/Flagstaff is trying to come up with innovations,” he said.



THOR MOTOR COACH INTRODUCES ALL-WHEEL-DRIVE COMPASS, GEMINI

By: [RVBusiness](https://www.rvbusiness.com) | Published on: Jun 11, 2020 |



The Gemini AWD and Compass AWD receive a model year refresh, centered on drivability and modern conveniences for 2021, according to an announcement today (June 11) from Thor Motor Coach, a subsidiary of Thor Industries Inc.

Built exclusively on the new Ford Transit chassis, these motorhomes feature a host of modern electronics and four-season weather capability. All-wheel drive provides peace of mind when considering a perfect day on the beach or a getaway in the mountains. The 3.5L EcoBoost engine drives all the wheels, putting down 306-horsepower and 400-lb. ft. of torque. Modern safety features included are hill start assist, AdvanceTrac roll stability, side-wind stabilization, lane departure warning, and pre-collision assist with emergency braking.

Fuel efficiency is a driving factor in the selection of the Transit chassis, as its 10-speed transmission and auto start/stop function work together to reduce greenhouse gases and emissions. Other safety features, common on most automobiles, include automatic high beam headlights, rain-sensing windshield wipers, and tire pressure monitoring.

A new modern interior décor package is available as part of the “Home Collection,” featuring fresh fabric colors with residential cabinets. The cockpit has dual swivel seats, allowing the chairs to become part of the living space when parked. An 8-inch touch screen, Sync® 3 audio system, provides navigation with voice recognition along with Apple CarPlay or Android Auto.



The exterior has the classic Class B-plus look, with large cab-over glass and HD-MAX fiberglass exterior. Two features adding to the overall viability of the motorhomes are a 100-watt solar panel with room for expansion and a higher-capacity house battery to power any camping adventure.

For more information on our 2021 motorhomes, visit <https://www.thormotorcoach.com/motorhomes/all-motorhomes/>.

AMERICANS TURNING TO RVs AS TRAVEL ALTERNATIVE FOR SUMMER VACATIONS

By Adina Pollak



As summer vacation rapidly approaches, many Americans are searching for travel options that will allow them to stay in their own space while still getting them out of the house. And with hotels operating at a limited capacity and big cities still on lockdown, the RV industry is experiencing a boom in site traffic.

“Over the last few weeks I’ve noticed a spike in RV sales, which is most certainly a direct result of the pandemic driving people to look for alternatives to flights and hotels,” said Gigi Stetler, CEO of RV Sales of Broward in South Florida. “With this growing pandemic trend, families with children, millennials and baby-boomers have shown a growing interest in RVs as a safe option to visit friends and family and travel across the country.”

A fearless entrepreneur, Gigi Stetler created and leads the first female-owned RV company in the United States, [RV Sales of Broward](#). With 30 years of experience in the industry, she is one of a handful of top RV experts in the country. Stetler also launched and runs [RV Advisor](#)- an online platform that is considered the “Angie’s List” of the RV industry. Stetler is also the founder of the non-profit [RV Advisor Consumer Association \(RVACA\)](#), which provides RVs to healthcare workers who need a safe space to quarantine and isolate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Totally Useless but Interesting Facts

The phrase "Rule Of Thumb" is derived from an old English law which states that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

PA STATE RETIREES CAMPOUT

September 17-20, 2020 –PA State Retirees Campout at Bald Eagle Ridge Runners Campground in Beech Creek, PA. Light Thursday Night Supper, Craft, Games, Cash Bingo, Spaghetti Dinner (bring dessert). Bring an item for the Silent Auction, Brown Bag Auction, and Snack for Hospitality. There will be Sunday breakfast. Directions to the campground, From the West, Take route I-80 to Exit 158 (Milesburg) Rt. 150 N to Beech Creek. After crossing steel bridge, turn left, follow creek until crossing another large bridge, turn left immediately into campground. From the East, take route I-80 to Exit 178, follow Rt. 220 and take exit for Mill Hall, then Rt. 150 S to Beech Creek. Turn right before the steel bridge, follow creek until crossing another large bridge, turn left immediately into campground. For further information contact Norm Wolf from -- nwolffrom@verizon.net, 570-220-9682.

CONNECTICUT FCRV FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We've been watching the news very closely the past several days, paying particular attention to two related topics: the surge in new Covid cases around the country, and the pending travel ban for Connecticut. As you may be aware, a tri-state travel ban was announced yesterday, requiring travellers from certain states to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arriving. Of particular concern is the potential for the ban to be expanded to additional states at any time, along with reinstatement of previous restrictions within the state if there is a second wave.

We've been going back and forth on whether to cancel or not, and made firm decisions both ways (fully convinced that those decisions were absolutely correct), before changing our minds again. The bottom line is we don't have a comfort level telling us that holding the rally is a good idea. Another non-trivial concern is the number of volunteer hours that goes into planning a rally, only to have it cancelled at the last minute.

Weighing everything, we think the proper course of action is to cancel the rally. Connecticut can offer to

host next year, and we can all enjoy the rally without health concerns waiting in the shadows.

Ross Hill Campground has been outstanding in their efforts to make this rally happen, trying to keep abreast of the ever-changing state regulations and CDC guidelines. We certainly look forward to working with them for next year's rally, and urge all of our members to include Ross Hill in your future camping plans.

Yes, we WILL see you around the campfire!

Glen and Donna Dains
CT FCRV State Directors

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REAR VIEW SAFETY UNVEILS INVIEW 360° HD MONITORING SYSTEM

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Jun 22, 2020

Since 2007, Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Rear View Safety has been developing and bringing to market the cutting edge of vehicle safety technology. In a corporate announcement today (June 22), the company introduced the [inView 360° HD](#), the latest step in total vehicle protection.



The inView greatly reduces blind spots by giving drivers a real-time 360° view around the vehicle, according to a release. The system is equipped with four Full HD ultra-wide fish-eye cameras as well as a built-in solid-state DVR, enabling the operator to both view and record high definition video. The video provides indisputable video evidence of incidents (ideal for court or insurance purposes) and prevents fraudulent claims against operators. A completely HD system, the RVS-01-360 easily integrates into a full HD monitor.

"The real beauty of the inView is the compact Full HD ultra-wide cameras," explained Alex Trkulja, Rear View Safety Director Of Sales. "Small but mighty, the cameras create four unique views that stitch together a real-time 360 view around the vehicle and all surroundings. This 360° view combined with a single image view based on automatic triggers helps with parking, blind spots, and navigating cramped roads. The simple calibration and innovative interface are great additions as well."

A customizable on screen overlay allows the user to adjust overlay width, length, and position to fit their specific need. This saves valuable time when deploying outriggers, water dumps, tool boards, or filling water tank vehicles.

Visit the RearView Safety website to learn more about this safety game changer.

[inView 360 HD](#)

PROTECT EXPENSIVE TOOLS AND POSSESSIONS IN YOUR TRUCK BED WITH THE NEW TAILGATE ALERT FROM GUARDIAN TECHNOLOGIES™

Euclid, Ohio (June 8, 2020) – Guardian Technologies™, a leading manufacturer of quality home environment products, has introduced the new [Tailgate Alert](#), a system designed to ensure valuable tools and expensive possessions aren't stolen or lost from a truck's bed. The Tailgate Alert works by sending a red signal that can be identified in the driver's side mirror, alerting the driver that the tailgate was not raised and locked into place.



The Tailgate Alert fits all trucks including Ford, Chevy, GMC, RAM, and Toyota. The system is easy to install, containing only three components that are securely affixed to the inside of the truck bed and the outer edge of the truck. The unit sends a quick signal within several seconds of the tailgate being opened as a red LED light begins to flash – when aligned with the driver's mirror, this flash can be easily detected before driving away with any gear that's unsecured.



The Tailgate Alert system runs off of two AA batteries which are included. The long-lasting LED bulb flashes yellow when it's time to change the batteries. The unit has the option to be permanently attached to your vehicle with screws which are included. The Tailgate Alert system has a suggested retail price of \$19.99.

For more information about the Tailgate Alert or other Guardian Technologies products - or to find a retailer near you - visit <http://www.guardiantechnologies.com> or call 1-866-603-5900.

Farewells

John Morris, 88, 6-13-20, Quebec. He and wife, Rita were long time active members of South Shore Wanderers Chapter.

ELVA FORTE, WELL KNOWN NCHA/FCRV PROMOTER



Elva Maria Forte, of Long Island, New York passed away at age 97 on June 4th 2010. She and her husband, Anthony were well known throughout FCRV and attended many Executive Board meetings. They joined NCHA in 1971 and began touring the country, quickly graduating from a tent trailer to a hard side trailer, and finally to a series of motorhomes. They travelled all over the U.S.A. and Eastern Canada often taking their children and grandchildren along. They became more involved in NCHA/FCRV signing up many new members along the way. The Fortes became President of The NYC District Coordinating Committee. They were honorary members of the Queens Rovers Chapter and were active on the local, state, regional and national level. They attended many RVIA shows at Louisville, and represented the organization at its show booth. Elva was a pro at getting RV and product manufacturers to contribute door prizes for Campventions. They rarely missed local camping events, Campventions, and Retiree Rallies. Both Elva and Anthony volunteered for jobs at these gatherings, including many years as Special Needs Chairmen at several Retiree Rallies. They were also very active in the Kentucky Colonels Chapter.

Elva earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology at SUNY Old Westbury which she used in many jobs until her final position as Personnel At Grumman Aerospace Corporation. One of her favorite places to visit was Spain making many trips starting in 1936, taking assorted family members along. She made her last trip to Galicia in 2016 with 3 of her children and her granddaughters. Family was very important to her and she attended every baptism, birthday, , graduation, wedding and anniversary. She also loved to cook and sewed many costumes for loved ones. She also loved cats and took in many strays. Her daughter, Cynthia said, "Mother was a cancer survivor and she lived a full and inspiring life. She was a strong, independent, and at times stubborn woman who showed fierce determination in everything she did." Elva Forte was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony and Son, Michael. Surviving are son, Joseph (Kerry), son, Wayne, daughter, Cynthia (Bill), grandchildren, Alexandra (Chris), Miranda, Michael,(Jane) and Alan, special nieces Janis and Joyce, goddaughter, Connie and many other nieces and nephews. Granddaughter, Miranda posted, "The Universe just gained another strong-willed spunky, star in the sky – my lovely Grandma." Cards may be sent to Cynthia Welch, 37 Willow Ln., New Hartford, CT 06057 or empery@aol.com.





UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July 13 - 17, 2020 - Campvention 2020 – VIRTUAL ONE BEING HELD

AUGUST

August 5 – 9, 2020 -2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout - CANCELLED

Shipshewana Campground North, Shipshewana, Indiana. Rescheduled for August 5-8, 2021.

AUGUST 21-23, 2020 Northeast Regional Campout- CANCELLED

Ross Hill Campground, Lisbon, Connecticut. Information contact Glen & Donna Dains - directors@ctfcv.org.

SEPTEMBER

HERSHEY RV SHOW IN SEPTEMBER CANCELLED

September 17-20, 2020 –PA State Retirees Campout at Bald Eagle Ridge Runners Campground in Beech Creek, PA.

September 25-27, 2020 – Blue Water District Mixer

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OCTOBER

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Registration Form and additional details:

<https://opa-fcrv.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Spooky-Wooky-PDF.pdf>

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Buena Vista Safari and RV park in Evant,Tx. The rally has reserved 20 site. If you plan to attend you will have to make your own reservation. Contact P-Cay at 254-791-5441. Contact me for any question at [ri-cadams60@yahoo.com](mailto:ricadams60@yahoo.com).

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RALLY STARTS: MARCH 23 THRU MARCH 28, 2021
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 19 TO MARCH 22

FOR REGISTRAR ONLY:

REG #: _____
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PLEASE FILL IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE/OTHER: _____

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HOME PHONE #: _____ CELL #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION SENT: PDF: _____ WORD: _____ MAIL: _____
(MINIMUM OF 2)

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE : _____

REGISTERING FOR:

CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: MOTEL STAY: _____ ON GROUNDS: _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY: YES: _____ NO: _____

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

RATES: REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED.

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	<u>BEFORE DEADLINE:</u>	<u>AFTER DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021</u>
2 PEOPLE IN UNIT:	\$290	\$300
1 PERSON IN UNIT:	\$260	\$270
CAMP PASS: (MOTEL STAY)		
1 PERSON	\$100	
2 PEOPLE	\$200	
**** <u>CAMP PASS ON GROUNDS:</u>		
1 PERSON:	\$100	
2 PEOPLE	\$200	

***** MUST PAY \$5 PER DAY, PER PERSON FOR EARLY DAYS *****

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

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 2021 FCRV RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDITS ACCEPTED. MAIL TO: BILL AND PENNY RAMLOW, 8371 NIGHT OWL DR, RIVERVIEW, FL. 33569 OR CONTACT THEM AT: 305-822-6589 OR 813-545-6083. OR EMAIL THEM AT bramlow@aol.com

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