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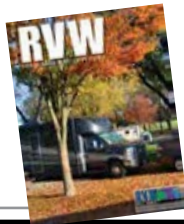
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The cover photo was taken by Mid-Atlantic Chapter member D. Kathleen Healy at a fall rally in Pennsylvania. See page 3 for more info on Kathy's picture.

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# Time donated to RVW benefits all

As I am writing this, last-minute preparations are underway in Tucson for the 2019 convention. I'm excited to soon travel just 120 miles to get there. It's an easy trip for me, but I know many are coming from much farther away to gather, learn, connect and just have fun.

Convention time always gets me thinking about RVing Women and how thankful I am I found the organization. When I retired in 2012, I knew I wanted to buy a trailer and start traveling. The seven years since have been filled with trips I've taken as a result of finding RVW. I was able to make many of them with my mother, who is now 86, and many of them alone. Even trips that were not to a rally or convention were often with other women I have met through RVW.



Some of my longest and most memorable trips have been going to a convention. From the first one in Sacramento, California, to Tucson the end of this month, it's been a fun learning opportunity.

These RVW experiences don't just magically happen. I've served as a chapter officer and seen the behind-the-scenes work that goes into having successful chapter activities. Most of us in RVW just want to camp. But being able to camp doesn't come without planning, preparation, organization and effort from chapter leaders and other chapter volunteers.

I've also worked with national officers and committees as a member of two committees and as magazine editor. I see the time and energy put into the national board and committees by volunteers. All of these are women who spend hours and days making sure RVW as an organization runs smoothly and well.

If you attend a convention, like nearly 250 women will in November, you see the efforts made on a national level. But there is also national effort behind every chapter rally you attend. From publicizing and reporting on it in the magazine and website to something unseen, like having liability insurance for your rally – all takes effort and coordination from the national organization.

And it takes money.

Some members who only attend chapter events wonder why they have to pay national dues or why Open Road asks for money. That question will be answered in a future issue of the magazine with an article explaining just what national does with your membership money and how it helps chapters.

Some chapters also charge dues. Chapters do not receive actual money from the national organization, but they do receive benefits. Many chapters have found it is easier to charge a small membership fee than collect money at each rally. Others depend on donations from members.

Regardless of how it is collected, it's important to remember that any organization, both on a national level and local level, needs money to keep going. But for a volunteer organization like RVW, it also needs women to step up and volunteer. It can be a big commitment like running for a national or chapter board, or a smaller (and just as needed) commitment like hosting a rally, or even being in charge of just one event at a rally. The important thing is that the organization won't work if there is no money coming in and if no one is stepping up to volunteer their time and talents.

I love RVW. That's why I try to help it grow and remain an important part of RV ownership for many women. I'm glad hundreds of other women in the organization do the same, and often much more.

So if you've just been coming along for the camping, consider stepping up and doing just a little more. Believe me, it will be appreciated! And if you have been volunteering, even if it is cleaning up after a potluck, THANK YOU!

*Yvonne Johnson*



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## ‘Camping brings people together’ – Healy

Twice a year, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of RVing Women camps at the Old Millstream Campground in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Kathy Healy enjoys the campground so much that she has recommended it to friends and also camps there on her own, without a rally being held.

The chapter was holding their pre-Thanksgiving rally at the campground during the second week of November a few years ago when Kathy took the cover picture of her rig and the changing fall leaves.

They average 60 to 80 members at this fall rally. “At this rally, we salute members who have been in or are currently serving in the military and we also pick a charity to contribute to as a group,” she said.



Ramblin’ Pines Campground, Woodbine, Maryland



Old Millstream Campground, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Even though these pictures are from a few years ago, She and Sandy Bosley still own this rig.

“We purchased it in December of 2013 and camped the next week in 19 degree temps at Ramblin’ Pines Campground in Woodbine, Maryland,” she said. “That is another campground at which the Mid-Atlantic Chapter has two rallies a year.”

The rig has served them well.

“We’ve traveled to 10 different states in this rig together. We’ve created many happy RVW and family memories.”

She said they camp at least once a year for a “cousins camping weekend” with her family.

“Camping brings people together,” she concluded.

## Open Road donation challenge proves to be huge success!

Development Committee Board Liaison Meg van Zyl sent the following thank you letter at the completion of the successful donation challenge:

*Congratulations to our membership on meeting the October 2019 Donation Challenge! Not only was the challenge met, it was surpassed!*

*A huge thank you to those who put up the money for the challenge, Jimmie Andrews of the Texas Ramblin’ Roses Chapter, The Mid-America Chapter and two members who prefer to remain anonymous. Another huge thank*

*goes out to all of the members who responded so generously.*

*Thank you also to the members of the Development Committee, Phyllis Bruce, Sinclair Crockett and Robbin Rutherford, for planning this challenge.*

*Donations to Open Road provide monies for such projects as recruitment efforts and advertising. They also help offset large expenses such as liability insurance.*

*I cannot thank you all enough for being part of this successful 2019 Donation Challenge.*

*Meg van Zyl*

*Development Committee liaison*

RVW OPEN ROAD PROGRAM

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Open Road is a multi-tier giving program. To see a listing of the tier level rewards, visit [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org) and click on *Members Only > Community > Open Road Donations*. You can also call or email the RVW office or see page 59 in this magazine for more information about the program or the different ways in which you can donate.

# Heading to convention and discussing treasurer duties

The 2019 RVW Convention in Tucson is finally here. By the time you receive this magazine the convention will be happening! I am looking forward to the camaraderie and excitement of the week in Tucson. Linda Elliott and her team have once again, put together an agenda of seminars, education, vendor information and fun activities.

We left Florida to head to Tucson for convention on October 16. We first stopped in Silver Springs for the weekend and attended the Florida Chapter's Halloween rally. From there we went on to Dallas, Texas to visit the George W. Bush Library and the National Bureau of Imprinting and Engraving. From Texas, we continued our journey on to Tucson, excited to meet and gather with the nearly 250 women registered for convention.



Bev Smethurst, President  
RVW Board of Directors  
2019

Welcome to the new candidates for the board. Please make

the time to vote. It is important that as RVW members you are involved with the selection of the board of directors.

Thank you to all chapters for submitting their annual reports. Our Treasurer has submitted all the necessary forms for your chapter to the IRS.

As promised earlier, I wanted to provide the job overview of the treasurer of RVW.

The main role of the treasurer is to account for all the money received, spent and invested by RVW. She is responsible to ensure that all the money is accounted for and is also the go-to person when there are concerns or a need for financial advice.

She must maintain high ethical standards and analytical ability. She must be capable of handling cash and have experience in financial control and budgeting.

On a monthly schedule, the treasurer provides the board with the investment account activity and the financial reports prepared by the bookkeeper.

Each week she approves the invoices to be paid. She also monitors the bank statements and our credit card carrier at least weekly to maintain sufficient balances.

She works with the tax accountant each September to



*Traveling to Arizona from Florida means lots of places to visit. One was the historic bridge in Selma, Alabama. Another stop was beautiful Juniper Springs in the Ocala National Forest, which was right next to the Florida Chapter's rally in Silver Springs.*

prepare the reporting for each chapter and at the end of the year submits the tax returns for RVW.

In November, the treasurer prepares the contracts for our eight contractors and is responsible for the negotiation of those contracts.

In January, the treasurer receives the annual financial statement from each chapter and reviews them for the accountant. She is also responsible to assure that RVW is PCI compliant. She completes the 941 Travelers Audit for payroll.

The treasurer also provides an EIN number to new chapters when they are formed and works with our attorneys regarding any trademark issues.

And finally, the treasurer prepares two budgets, a convention budget and an operating budget for the corporation. These budgets are submitted to the board in January for approval.

These are just some of the responsibilities of the treasurer. The detailed description will be on the

website at a later date.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Tucson. Travel safe.

**"It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep than a sheep at the head of an army of lions."**

– Daniel Defoe

**"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."**

–Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Bev Smethurst*

# Board Biz

Board members are always available and welcome your ideas and input. RVW Board minutes and financial documents are on the [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org) website under Members Only > Board Minutes/Financials

## Tucson Convention is here!

As I write this, it's exciting to know that the convention in Tucson is coming soon! By the time you get this magazine, the convention will be started and hopefully everyone is having a great time. The convention team has worked very hard to provide members with another learning and fun-filled time. We have over 75 First Timers signed up for the convention. It is always great to have brand new members attending as well as those who may be long time RVW members but have been unable to attend a convention until now. Thanks to all of the volunteers and committees for their hard work. There would not be a convention without them!



## Is your chapter represented at CAC?

The board encourages leadership to participate in the Chapter Advisory Council (CAC) each month. This meeting is really for the chapters to have a venue where they can discuss and share activities in their chapter. Also, each committee chairman shares the processes that are happening in their committee. We also would like to receive some topic suggestions from our leaders to discuss at the meeting. It is your meeting and we encourage your input and suggestion. You can also contact me if you are not sure your chapter is being represented at CAC. You can add a CAC representative to our list so they get an invitation each month to the Go-to-Meeting event. To do that, go to the website

and fill out the CAC Representative section of the *Chapter Leader Changes Form*. It is found under *Members Only > Chapters > Chapter Leaders Only*.

## Work has started on Convention 2020

We have also started preparing for the 2020 RVW Convention that will be held in Sarasota, Florida September 13 to 20. We have contracted a convention coordinator and also a vendor coordinator and will soon be making those announcements. You will definitely be hearing more about this convention.

## Thank you Election Committee

Thanks again to the election committee for providing the new candidates for the National RVW Board of Directors. Remember to vote for your candidates. It is important that members participate in the election and elect your future board members.

## Need help getting chapter volunteers?

As we discussed in the last issue, we continue to hear from different chapters regarding their struggles with members hesitant to step up and be leaders of their chapters. As you hear me say a lot, mostly it is fear of the unknown. The board has worked with a couple of chapters lately, assisting them with ideas and suggestions to encourage members to be more comfortable. National board members are writing their job descriptions to help new elected board members. Each chapter should think about doing something similar with job descriptions and turnover processes to help new chapter leaders understand the different positions in the chapter.

If you feel you need some assistance, please let your board liaison know. She can provide guidance, work with other board members, or offer other resources if needed.

## The RVW Board is here for you

The board is always available and welcomes your ideas and input.

*Bev Smethurst*  
2019 RVW President

**We're heading east for the 2020 convention!**  
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**And of course, great convention activities!**

# Your Board

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Feel free to visit when you are in the area. Our office is located at 879 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 103B (across the street from the Apache Junction post office).



*RVing Women* was established in 1991. We are the oldest continually-operating organization dedicated to supporting women *RVers*.

Your input is always welcome. If you have questions, you can submit them in writing via mail or email to the board president or post them on our website forum in the *Ask the RVW Board* area. Sign in to the website at rvingwomen.org, then drop down from the *Members Only* and *Forum* menus. You can also post comments and suggestions in our website *Suggestion Box*, which is accessed from the *Members Only* menu.

The *RVW* office is staffed by Monica Lindmark and Kathi Contreras. They will be happy to help you if you have questions about member benefits or need help using the website or updating your member profile. You can reach the office by calling 480-671-6226, sending an email to rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org or faxing to 480-671-6230. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time.

# Gratitude

A section where we can say thank you, share opportunities, remember members, acknowledge awards and honor members. Please send us information for this section.

## Thank you to so many who help RVW

A big thank you to **Linda Elliott**, who is wrapping up being the convention coordinator for her fifth convention! Once again, she did a great job in spite of the last minute issues that always accompany a convention. She had help from many members, both those who worked with her for months to prepare as well as those who saw things that needed to be done in Tucson and stepped up to help. From stuffing goodie bags to taking over chairman duties, so many helped.

Thank you to **Dee Johnson**. She has compiled a book of her columns during the time she served as editor of this magazine and continuing with her Back Page column in recent issues. As if producing a book of her wonderful writing isn't enough, she is also donating all proceeds from the book to support the services and programs provided by RVing Women! The book is available both digitally (\$4.99) and as a paperback (\$10.99) on Amazon. Dee also had copies she sold and signed at convention. See page 64 for more information and a list of the many people whom she thanked for helping her with this endeavor.

While all RVW committees deserve thanks for their ongoing work and volunteer efforts, two are especially deserving right now. Thanks to the **Election Committee** for doing such a great job publicizing and promoting the RVW national board elections. The videos and notifications the committee put out were very helpful in reminding everyone to vote.

And another thank you to the **Development Committee**. They are continuing to look at ways to improve RVW's financial bottom line. They just finished a successful Open Road challenge and are looking for more vendors to work with similar to their program with Badges R Us, explained below.

Finally, many chapters either already have, or will be, choosing **new officers**. Thank you to the current ones who serve so well, the ones who may be leaving and new ones coming in. Without **chapter and national volunteers**, RVW would not be able to exist. So if you like RVing Women, volunteer with your chapter or a national committee!

## Identify your chapter at rallies while helping RVW

Chapter members can order garden flags to place in front of their rigs – and help RVW at the same time.

The Development Committee is reminding members that Badges “R” Us, RVW's official badge supplier, is offering a series of printed chapter garden flags with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of them going to RVW.

Badges “R” Us has also brought back a classic RVing Women T-shirt design and is offering it on a short-sleeve, black shirt. A portion of the proceeds from the shirt will also go back to RVW.

The T-shirt is \$22 and the garden flags are \$19 (the

stand is not included).

Right now, items can only be ordered over the phone, but they are working on making a site just for ordering the shirt and flags.

To order, contact Susan or Dorothy at Badges “R” Us at 760-212-0682. Badges “R” Us is currently working on designing flags for chapters not shown below.





# welcomes 112 new members

## Alaska

Renee Tatusko Anchorage

## Arizona

Paula Gibson Queen Creek  
Beverly Cox Tucson  
Sharon Hooven Tucson  
Nancy McDaniel Tucson  
Cheryl Close Yuma

## California

Kristine Honer Galt  
Denise McFarlane Manteca  
Theresa Holcomb Modesto  
Donna Russell Modesto  
Marion Sigel Napa  
Michelle Clay Pinole  
Beth Halbert Pinole  
Stephanie Bocanegra Placerville  
Marilyn Cundiff Sacramento  
Terri Gunn Sacramento  
Susan Wilson Sacramento  
Jess Wells San Francisco  
Elizabeth Feragen Santa Maria  
Foster Beigler Santa Rosa  
Gail George Vacaville

## Colorado

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Vickie Russell Aurora  
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K. Simpson Englewood  
Christy Bolivar Erie  
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Robin Malone Manitou Springs  
Marla Moore Manitou Springs

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Dale Jones Fort Myers  
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Kerry Taylor Key West  
Carolyn Lause Leesburg  
Zeeb Philipson Micanopy  
Barbara Hocking The Villages  
Diana Pantino The Villages  
Teresa Williams The Villages

## Georgia

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## Idaho

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Sandra Donnelly North Aurora

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Catherine Howell Edgewater

## Massachusetts

Gail Bishop Jamaica Plain  
Laurie Huber Jamaica Plain

## Michigan

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## Minnesota

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Shirley Brantingham Andover  
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Joan Evans Maplewood  
Sonja Helgesen Maplewood  
Judy Babcock Minneapolis  
Margaret Dhaemers Pine City  
Suzette Vasseur Rogers  
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Nan Nelson Roseville  
Jil Hopland Shakopee  
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Pam Byrne Corvallis  
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Sylvia Frias Molalla

# who joined in August and September!

## Pennsylvania

M.J. Harrison North Wales  
Jane Kelly North Wales

## South Carolina

Edie Zuckerwar Mount Pleasant

## Texas

Marilyn Bishara Austin  
Beverly Maroski Cleburne  
Karan Meredith Fulton  
Pattie Ackermann Houston  
Renita Ellis Houston  
Kelli Miller Houston  
Jo Lynn Black Lewisville  
Susan Power Dalton Livingston  
Virginia Zipperer Livingston  
Trish Jameson North Richland Hills  
Edie Nussman North Richland Hills  
Rochelle Strandstra Plano  
Danette Flores Round Rock  
Donna Jones San Marcos  
Robin Young Seadrift

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Bonita Yocus Bainbridge Island  
Paula Deneui Bonney Lake  
Madonna Pool Lopez Island  
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### British Columbia, Canada

Sherry Balachanoff Kamloops  
Wendy Kidd Nanaimo

## Make sure you choose a chapter!

Did you choose a primary chapter when you signed up for RVW membership?

Choosing a primary chapter helps you stay up-to-date with the latest chapter activities. Even though you may have chosen a chapter from the menu available when you join, you should contact the chapter to see if they have an additional chapter membership fee. Nine of our 17 RVW chapters have annual dues which range from \$5 to \$20.

## Loyalty Pins Presented

### 5-Year Membership

Claudia Jones	Pennsylvania
Adrienne Riley	California
Jane Bird	Washington
Sally Walker	Oklahoma
Deb Miller	Arizona
Eleanor Wirth	Florida
Mary Jo Barrett	California
Kathryn Innerst	California
G. Mueller	Pennsylvania
Barbara Landini	Arizona
Sharon Hagen	Minnesota
Jo Baker	Oklahoma
Sandy Aronen	Illinois
Nancy Stein	Florida

### 10-Year Membership

Suzanne Pfluecke	California
Guyla Vann	Washington
Andrea Abruzzo	Washington
Claire Griffin	Arizona
Mary Bush	Arizona
Jimmie Andrews	Texas
PJ Immel	Texas
Kathy Zeichick	California

### 15-Year Membership

Rachel Harp	California
Cindy Turvy	Texas
Naomi Weinert	Texas
Shelley Rife	California
Arlene Thiel	Missouri
Sharon Whitehair	West Virginia
Ellie Key	Missouri
Sandi Pointelin	Kansas
Janice Villyard	Arizona

### 20-Year Membership

Fran Ford	Washington
Paulette Beliveau	Oregon
Mary Fries	Oregon
Bonnie Blossom	Washington

### 25-Year Membership

Susan Burdick	Georgia
Joan Moore	Georgia

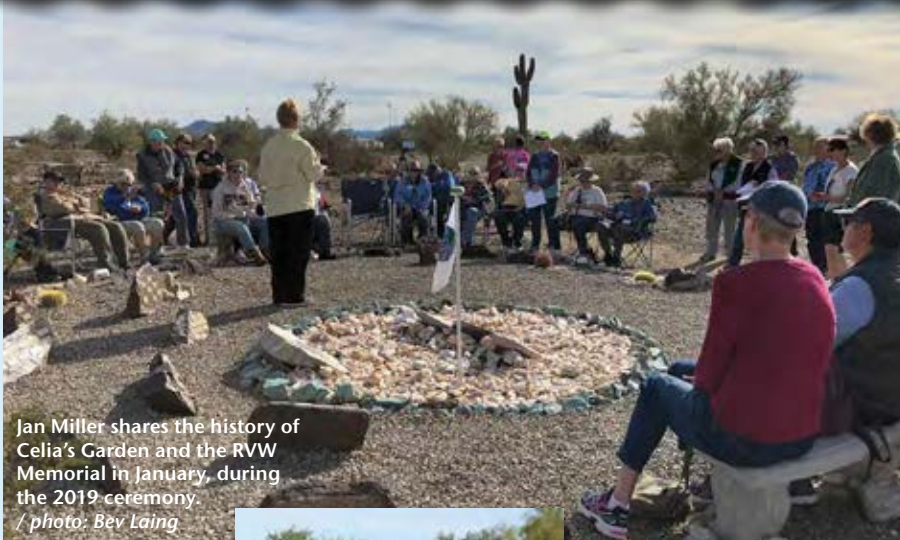
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*Thank you for your support!*

# Remembering



## Memorial Garden offers a chance to honor members



Jan Miller shares the history of Celia's Garden and the RVW Memorial in January, during the 2019 ceremony. / photo: Bev Laing



From painting to raking and affixing the plaques, it takes a lot of work to maintain the garden. Cathy Atkins took a picture of the group after their hard work: Vicki Para, Sandy Thuett, Rita Watkins Pat Parker, Pat Taylor and Rebecca Frazier. / photos: Cathy Atkins



Although Mile Marker information is often printed in the magazine for members who have passed, a more permanent memorial is located in the desert town of Quartzsite, on the western edge of Arizona.

Quartzsite is known among RVers as "The Gathering Place," with thousands of RVers descending on the area each winter. RVW has held a rally at the same spot in Quartzsite since 1992. Hundreds of women have gathered for this free camping, boondocking event.

Because it has been a special place for RVing Women for 27 years, in 2011, a small group of RVW members who winter in Quartzsite learned that the town had a small memorial garden that was started as a botanical park in 1996.

Celia's Rainbow Garden is eight acres within the 40-acre town park. The gardens were inspired by the dreams of Celia Winer, who passed away when she was eight but whose goal in life was to make the world a better place. To honor and remember her, her parents created Celia's Garden.

Pat Taylor had the idea to make a memorial area for RVing Women in the garden. She met with Celia's mother, Joanne Winer, and a spot for the RVW Memorial Garden was chosen.

In addition to Pat Taylor, RVW members Pat Parker, Rita Watkins, Sandy Thuett, Vicki Para, Rebecca Fraser and Cathy Atkins started planning and then building the memorial garden. On January 22, 2012, the memorial was dedicated with 30 plaques placed to remember RVW members. The number of plaques is now up to 110.

Every winter since 2012 this same group of volunteers spend hours and days to maintain the garden. They weed, rake, spread dirt and gravel, gather rocks, update paint and then attach the plaques. A few years ago they worked even longer and increased the size of the memorial.

# 110 RVW NAMES

have been placed on plaques affixed to the desert rocks. This includes the one for RVW founder Lovern King, located on a main rock in the center that is reserved for the two founders.

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is the quickly approaching deadline to have a plaque made for the 2020 ceremony. Contact Vicki Para at [vickipara@yahoo.com](mailto:vickipara@yahoo.com) or call 253-670-3000 for information needed and how to pay the \$6 cost.

Over the years they have driven miles in the desert in their ATVs and UTVs to gather the large rocks the plaques are placed on. They have also collected all the white quartz rocks and blue/green rocks that are used in the memorial. The only elements purchased are the small gravel, the cactus, the benches, the plaques and the glue and sealant to place the plaques.

Purchases have been funded by the original women and occasional donations to the garden. All maintenance of the site is done by these women and an occasional new volunteer. The town and Celia's Garden does no maintenance of the site.

Every year in mid-January, during the RVW boondocking rally at Mile Marker 99, there is a re-dedication to honor these ladies and to see the new memorial plaques that have been placed since the previous ceremony. When the garden began, it was decided that RVW founders Lovern King

and Zoe Swanagon would have a place set aside for their plaques. It would be located on the main rock in the center of the garden. No other plaques would be placed here. In January 2018, Lovern King's plaque was placed there.

The 2020 event will be held Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m. If you are attending the rally or happen to be in the area, come together with RVW to honor these wonderful ladies.



contact your chapter leaders immediately and ask them about ordering a plaque for the member who has passed. Plaques can be ordered by contacting Vicki Para. You can email her at [vickipara@yahoo.com](mailto:vickipara@yahoo.com) or call 253-670-3000. The plaques cost \$6 each. The \$6 fee covers the cost of the plaque, glue and sealant. The deadline for ordering a plaque for the ceremony that will be held in January is November 15, 2019.

Please note, the RVW memorial in Celia's Garden is only for remembering RVW members. Pets may not be memorialized there.

If you are in Quartzsite prior to the RVW rally, you can contact Vicki to learn how to volunteer to help rake, weed or repaint the RV picture rocks that are there.

To learn more or see the list of RVW honorees go to: [rvingwomen.org/page/qsite\\_memorial](http://rvingwomen.org/page/qsite_memorial)

To learn more about Celia's Garden, go to: [celiasrainbowgardens.com](http://celiasrainbowgardens.com)



Cathy Atkins leads the Sunday afternoon ceremony in 2013 when she was RVW vice president.



# Rock, paper, scissors...

*A Volunteer and Leadership Seminar at Convention*



Diane Groves

Those attending the 2019 convention are able to take a seminar to help them learn to deal with resolving issues.

Unresolved issues can grow like wildfire. The longer they are left, the greater the effort to solve the problem. In organizations such as RVing women, all members lead from the seat they are in and have

a special responsibility to solve issues collaboratively.

In the convention seminar, attendees will:

*Experience* simple ways to tap the collective creative energy of the group through inclusion and listening with respect.

*Learn* techniques that can be consistently applied to foster a respectful environment of cooperation and



collaboration.

These tools will allow members to work together to resolve any issue in a way that honors the diversity and needs of all.

Seminar leader **Diane Groves** holds a graduate degree in organizational development and has extensive and diverse career experience in leadership training, group facilitation and conflict resolution.

Look for this seminar in your convention schedule!

## 18 members recognized for their recruiting efforts

Congratulations to the RVW chapter that was awarded the banner during the 2019 Tucson Convention for bringing in the most new members during the recruitment campaign year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The winning chapter was announced and honored at the annual business meeting on the last Saturday of convention, which was after this issue went to press. We will announce the winning chapter in the next issue.

We're pleased to recognize the following members for their success in recruiting one or more women who have joined RVW the past two months: **Laura Barr** (Northeast Network), **Bobby Bennett** (Member at Large), **Linda Brandon** (Member at Large), **Charlie Chuck** (FreeWheelers), **Pat Ferraro** (Florida), **Cheryl Foletta** (FreeWheelers), **Teri Garcia** (Texas Ramblin' Roses), **Rosemary Hood** (FreeWheelers), **Ann Jennings** (Florida), **Mary Kemp** (Oregon), **Karen Knight** (Florida), **Una Long** (FreeWheelers), **Vicky Lorick** (Florida), **Colleen Phipps** (Texas Ramblin' Roses), **Peggy Schuler** (Rocky Mountain), **Meg vanZyl** (Arizona), **Deb Zediker** (Rocky Mountain), **Cathy Zieff** (Northeast Network).

Every time a new member tells us you have referred her, you receive a \$5 credit toward the following year's dues.

All members who have recruited a new member are entered into a six-month drawing, one entry for each member they recruit. The randomly drawn winner receives \$50.

Each year (July through June) the top two members recruiting the most new members receive \$100 for first place or \$75 for second place.

Recruiters and prize winners are regularly recognized in the RVW magazine and on the RVW web site. The chapter that was most successful in recruiting members during the year is recognized at the national convention and awarded a banner.

So tell your friends and women you meet on the road about RVW. Credit is only recorded when you are named on the new member's application. Tell your friends to mention your **FULL NAME** when they submit their applications for RVW membership. It is also a good idea if they include your chapter on the form.

Members and chapters can contact the RVW office for magazines, brochures and/or post cards to hand out to prospective members or leave at campgrounds, RV dealers, etc.

**Correction:** In the last issue of the magazine, members Barbara Albrecht and Vickie Albrecht were honored for their recruiting efforts, but we had them in the wrong chapter. They are members of the Texas Ramblin' Roses. Also, Brenda Lou McPherson's name was spelled wrong. She is also a proud Ramblin' Rose! Our apologies.



# Looking for another member? Here's an easy way to search

Looking for someone in particular in RVW? *Search online!*

Don't know chapter or who is in your state? Want to go kayaking with someone close by? Search now!

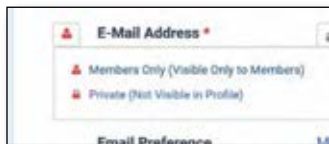
The RVW website's online search capability to find members can be extremely useful!

One advantage is that it is always up-to-date.

One disadvantage is that the online search will only reveal information that members have given permission to be released. For example, if the member has not allowed their personal information (address, phone number, email) to be visible to members and instead have *Private* checked, other members will not be able to see it when they search.

It is very important that members (if you are comfortable doing this) allow their contact information to be visible to other members. **Remember, this does not make it visible to the general public.** You cannot see it unless you are signed into the website as a member.

To check or change this setting, go to the RVW website and click on **MY PROFILE** at the top of the page. Then click on the **About** tab. Click on **EDIT** and then click on the icon to the left of the information you want to change:



You can choose *Members Only (Visible Only to Members)* so people can find your information if they search. Or you can choose *Private (Not Visible in Profile)* and other members will not see that information.

Many members do not realize that you can search by:

- a person's name (both first and last)
- location (city and state)
- chapter (you get a list of all members)
- any RVW committees or leadership positions
- hobbies and interests

To use the online directory and search for people, follow the directions to the right.



Online Directory  
Enter anything you may be searching for in any field.

You can search one or more fields to narrow your results. You do not need to complete the entire form.

<p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>Name: Members full name, first or last only if not sure (<i>once found, double click on name for information</i>)</p> <p>Location: Arizona</p> <p>City/Town: Apache Junction</p> <p>Group: Chapter will list all members in that chapter</p> <p>Hobbies/Interests: Birding</p>	<p>Remember to uncheck or remove data from one of the fields if you can't find what you are looking for.</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>Hobbies/Interests: Birding</p> <p>Forgot to remove Arizona? Results show only those who entered birding in Arizona. Remove Arizona from field and leave birding only. You then get results of entire membership that enjoys birding as a hobby.</p>
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RVW bylaws provide for a governing Board of Directors consisting of three to seven directors. An election to fill open positions on the RVW Board of Directors is held before the end of each calendar year, with new directors taking office the following January and serving for a three-year term.

Three (3) positions are open for terms beginning in January 2020. Kathleen Huggins, Karla Jensen and Stephanie Ringer have been approved as candidates for these positions. Their candidate statements, which include their bios along with their goals for RVW and the challenges and opportunities they see RVW facing, are on pages 12 and 13. All three candidates will be invited to speak at RVW's Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 9, at Convention 2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

**Vote by November 9, 2019**



## JOIN THE BOARD IN 2020 – OFFICIAL BALLOT

Each RVW member is entitled to submit one completed ballot. ***Please vote for at least one candidate, but not more than three.*** Only the candidates who receive a majority of the votes cast will be elected to the board. Ballots with “write in” nominations will not be counted. Questions? Contact Election Committee Chair Jan Russell at [janr@rvingwomen.org](mailto:janr@rvingwomen.org).



*“We want to grow and to grow responsibly, not growth for growth’s sake. I support growth according to the values we all support for our organization.”*

**Kathleen “Kat” Huggins** (Arizona Chapter)



*“I would like to create a viable retention plan and add tent sites to monthly chapter rallies to attract younger women.”*

**Karla Jensen** (FreeWheeler's Chapter)



*“I would like to secure more corporate sponsorships to reduce convention costs to make them more affordable for our members.”*

**Stephanie Ringer** (Full Timers Chapter)

**Deadline:** To be counted, ballots must be **received** by Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Ballots will be available online at [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org) and at Convention 2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

You may also cast your vote by mailing this ballot from the magazine to RVW Election, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-1940 or fax it to: 480-671-6230.

**For your vote to be counted, you must provide the following information to validate your membership.**

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# Washed Ashore

Art to Save the Sea



Bella the Angelfish on a Reef

**N**estled in the lively Old Town section of Bandon, Oregon awaits a one-of-a-kind gallery, Washed Ashore, whose mission is Art to Save the Sea. What better place than a popular seaside town to raise awareness about the discarded, lost and thoughtlessly-tossed-away trash that is clogging our oceans? Thousands of tourists pass by the doors each year and most are curious enough to step inside and see the awesome flotsam on display.

Angela Haselton Pozzi, artist and founder of Washed Ashore, was dismayed by the amount of plastic debris that washed up on the beaches around her hometown. With the help of many volunteers she began collecting the trash and creating larger-than-life sculptures of ocean denizens. Since its beginning in 2010, more than 70 sculptures have been created, using 38,000 pounds of marine debris.

Under Pozzi's direction, volunteers clean miles of beaches, wash and sort the debris and assist in building the giant sculptures. They use only what the ocean delivers

Puffin at Coquille Point



in creating the colorful, whimsical figures.

Upon entering the gallery, the first sculpture one sees is a 12-foot long whale rib cage suspended from the ceiling. A closer look reveals it to be made entirely of white plastic bottles. Other sculptures include Tula the Turtle, Bella the Angelfish on a Reef, Finn the Mako Shark, Steve the Weedy Sea Dragon and several bleached coral reefs made from styrofoam. All the sculptures are made entirely from ocean debris collected on Pacific beaches.

At the rear of the gallery is a volunteer workshop. Ongoing volunteers and one-time visitors of all ages are welcome to help build parts of new sculptures that will be sent around the country in traveling exhibits to raise awareness of the problem of ocean pollution and how to stop it.

If you're not able to visit Bandon yourself, consider hosting an exhibit in your town in concert with your local zoo, aquarium or museum. Details are at Washed Ashore's website ([www.washedashore.org](http://www.washedashore.org)).

## Story and Photos by Jan Kuderna

Jan Kuderna is a long-time member of RVW. She has been full-time RVing for 19 years.



Tula the Turtle



Whale Ribcage



**WHEN YOU GO:** Bandon, Oregon has four RV parks and one state park with a full-hookup campground. Reservations are recommended if you go during the summer months. Old Town has plenty of parking, including two large lots at each end of First Street. The Washed Ashore gallery is wheelchair accessible and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The RVW (RVing Women) group on Facebook has 3,138 members, made up of both RVW members and non-members. Questions and comments in the group often are about tech topics. One of the recent concerned protecting your rig's electrical system with an EMS.

## Wait! I shouldn't just plug my RV straight into power?

You pull into your next camping stop. It's a nice campground, the electrical and water connections all look to be in good shape so you quickly connect everything and head into your rig.

Unknown to you, the electric pedestal has an unseen problem that could cause serious damage to your rig.

How do you prevent something like this from happening?

Many new and even experienced RVers use nothing between their shore power cord and the campground's electric pedestal. While some use surge protectors, the ones who want total protection use an EMS.

An electrical management system (EMS) does more than protect against power surges. Because electrical systems are very sensitive, serious and expensive damage can occur to your rig if it is exposed to surges OR low voltage. You can destroy your entire electrical system or have to replace your electronic items.

The topic of EMS vs. surge protectors recently came up in the RVW (RVing Women) Facebook group. Long-time RVW member Cathy Atkins, who previously served on the RVW board and as president, gave an excellent answer.

Cathy makes no claims to be an expert on RV EMS systems, but she does recommend using them. "I know we have been saved numerous times in bad electric situations," she posted. "I have learned a bit through trial and lots of errors in 20-plus years of RVing." She never hooks up without her EMS system attached.

Here are her comments, along with others in the group.

**What is the difference between a surge protector and EMS?**

Surge protectors protect your RV from voltage spikes. An EMS system is designed to also protect from voltage spikes but, in addition, it also protects you from low voltage, open ground, open neutral, reverse polarity and accidentally plugging your RV into 240 volts.

**Here is Cathy's understanding of EMS vs. surge protector:**

- EMS provides protection against both high and LOW power. Surge protectors can manage power surges or spikes but cannot cut off when the power is low. Low power is more common than high power as we travel.
- EMS and surge protectors both stop surges, sacrificing

themselves to save the RV. The spike they handle can vary widely. Read the specs.

- EMS will protect against a miswired park pedestal or a bad ground.
- EMS will allow power back into the RV when the low/high power issue resolves in the park. Surge protectors usually require a manual resetting.
- The EMS takes about two minutes to test the system before allowing power into the RV.
- Good protection is NOT cheap. A \$99 surge protector offers very little surge protection in comparison to larger surge protectors or an EMS. Read the specs to compare units.
- The cost of replacing fridge or furnace mother boards, fans, a furnace, TVs wiring and more, is SO much more expensive than getting and using a good EMS. The more electronics in/on your RV, the more critical a good EMS can be!
- Warranties vary widely. Read the fine print.
- Never let a park tell you to bypass your surge protector or EMS when it says something is wrong. The odds of it being wrong are very slim to none. I have had more than one discussion with incorrect park staff.
- There are lots of EMS brands out there. I happen to use a Progressive brand EMS. Progressive has been our friend for years; their customer service and warranty is more than fair and their response is quick. I am just a happy customer. There are other brands that may work for you.

**Other group members were quick to agree:**

*"My Progressive EMS has saved my motorhome more than once. Had to buy a new EMS because it saved my motorhome."*

*"Our Progressive EMS also saved us many times. Don't travel without an EMS."*

*"We got the Progressive EMS about 18 months ago. This spring it protected us twice by cutting the power to our rig, then resetting itself when it was safe. We had an expensive mishap before we bought this. Well worth the price."*

*"So true. If you love your RV, an EMS is essential and well worth the price."*

### To connect/disconnect power using an EMS:

#### Connecting on arrival.

1. Be sure pedestal power is off at pedestal breakers
2. Plug in RV shore power cord to EMS
3. Plug EMS into pedestal power
4. Turn pedestal breaker on
5. It take about 2 minutes for EMS to allow power into RV

#### Disconnecting when leaving:

1. Turn off power using breaker switch on power pedestal
2. Disconnect EMS and cord from pedestal and stow away

### 50 amp vs. 30 amp EMS?

You need to match the power capability of the RV you own. If you own a 30 amp RV you should use a 30 amp EMS. We have a 50 amp RV and EMS but sometimes use a step-down dog bone adapter to use 30 amp park service. Simply plug the 50 amp EMS cord into the 30 amp dog bone step down adapter. Then plug the adapter into the 30 amp plug on the pedestal and turn the power on. Your 50 amp EMS will now deliver safe power. Of course, it will only be the 30 amps the park is providing.

# Chapters

Who and What

Some chapters are hibernating for a few months while others are entering their busy camping time. Remember to send rally reports to [rvweditor@rvingwomen.org](mailto:rvweditor@rvingwomen.org) by November 25th in order to get them in the next Chapter News. Send pictures separately as individual JPG files of at least 1 MB, and try to include information about the pictures you send.

## Highlights from monthly CAC meeting

Convention 2019 in Tucson took up the first part of the discussion at October's CAC meeting. An email was sent to all of those who registered telling them they might need extra sewer and water hoses because of where hookups are in the RV park.

No chapter reps had questions or news about their chapter, so the remainder of the meeting focused on reports from the national committees.

The Site Selection Committee reported they are looking at the Illinois State Fairgrounds or the Amana (Iowa) Center for the 2021 convention. Committee Chair Linda Brown will present their findings to the board at convention.

Several committees said they had

committee members presenting sessions at the Tucson convention. The Volunteerism and Leadership Committee is presenting two seminars, presenting at the first timers reception and making sure the cultural attributes banner is visible during events. The PR and Marketing Committee has one session on how members can help recruit members and will also be posting to Social Link and Facebook during the convention. The Website Committee will present two sessions also. They have been busy making changes on the website to continue to improve its functionality and ease of use. This included making it easier to find our advertisers and classified ads.

The Election Committee discussed the videos they had sent out to encourage voting in the board election and introduced the candidates. The importance of members voting, even though there were three candidates for three positions, was explained. Each candidate individually must receive at least 50% of the votes that are cast.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures reported that the bylaws template was updated, which will make it easier for chapters to use. Chair Dorene Thomas also thanked chapter presidents and other chapter leaders for serving this past year and Jan Russell for serving on the RVW Board of Directors for the past three years.

## Complete convention coverage next issue

With the 2019 RVW Tucson Convention coming after the deadline for getting information into the November/December issue of the magazine, complete convention coverage will be in the January/February 2020 issue. The convention promises to be interesting, with a member rodeo, 22 vendors and nearly 250 women attending, 85 of them for the first time!

You can also see convention coverage in the Social Link section of the website and on the app, as well as on RVW's Facebook page and in the RVW (RVing Women) Facebook group.

Search for #RVW, #RVingWomen or #RVWConvention to see posts and pictures on Facebook and Twitter.

*Women arriving to the convention in Tucson the week before the official opening of convention activities were eager to offer help. Whether it was helping each other park or volunteering to stuff the goodie bags that each person received as they registered, the early arrivals helped with convention preparation.*  
/ photos: Robbin Rutherford



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# Chapter News



## Cascadia Chapter

### Westport, Washington August 23–25

More than 50 women in 36 rigs—cash and checkbooks in hand—showed up at the American Sunset RV Park in Westport, a favorite of Cascadia RVers.

The theme for the weekend was “Tiki Time,” and it was also the biennial club fundraiser. Friday night, the RVing ladies assembled bearing pu pu platters and began with an hour of socializing around the BYOB Tiki-rum-bar. Most took advantage of the theme to don



“Tiki Time” was the theme of Cascadia’s August rally. / photo: Elaine Ploegstra

their Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, tropical (flamingo) PJs and coconut-shell bras. They also said “pu pu” a lot and there was talk about getting lei’d.

Saturday morning was gray and a bit drizzly, but hot coffee and donuts awaited those bringing items to the clubhouse to be auctioned off as well as for those trying to get a sneak peek at the items.

By noon, the sun came out and the weather was perfect for what has become Cathy P’s traditional outdoor



Taking a rally theme to new heights, Cascadia members went all out for their Westport rally. / photo: Elaine Ploegstra

Cascadia members serenade long-time member Kaia with the club’s anthem. At the Westport rally, Kaia announced she was hanging up her keys. / photo: Kris Anderson

dungeness crab feed. It was made even more delightful this year by Diane and Deb who provided corn on the cob on the side.

At 2 p.m., the clubhouse doors were opened and the silent auction was on. RVers got to bid on all manner of RV and camping gear, tools, tote bags, paintings, games, baked goods, books and an amazing number of handcrafted wood items made by Marcie S. In two hours, close to \$3,000 was added to Cascadia’s coffers. Then it was time to clear the silent-bid tables and restore seating for the evening live auction.

RVers returned to the clubhouse at 7 p.m. for more Tiki-bar socializing and the live auction. Stakes were raised with such high-end items as a hand-pieced quilt, inlaid wood folding side table, 10 days at an RV resort in Arizona, and an especially colorful pair of shorts sure to be the object of envy at the next Tiki party. Before the night was over, yet another \$3,000 was added to Cascadia’s treasury.

Thanks to the generous donations of its members, the good organization and hustle of three event captains, Linda C., Lynda B., and Suzanne L., and 20 volunteers (and some say the rum . . .), Cascadia finished the weekend with a total of \$6,175 added to its bank account.

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Nearly \$3,000 was raised during the two hours Cascadia's silent auction was held during their August rally. A live auction that night earned another \$3,000. / photo: Elaine Ploegstra

A small group met during the rally to discuss *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See, a novel about Korean women sea divers. There was agreement that the book was an introduction to both an unfamiliar culture and little-known historical events. Next month's book will be *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Sunday morning was bright and sunny from the start, perfect weather for those driving home. Four new RVs were christened: a BT Cruiser tenta-

tively named Maude, Lil's Pad, Chris's She Shed and the Nala.

The sweetest farewell was reserved for Kaia, a long-time member who announced that this would be her last event and that she was giving up her RV. The Cascadia RVers formed a circle around her and, arm-in-arm, serenaded her with the club anthem.

— Carlene Faithful, Scribe



Wendy Schwartz and her pup work on the dog paw painting project that FreeWheelers held during their July rally.



events were planned to help re-create those wonderful, childhood summer days.

Friday morning, members slept in or shared communal breakfasts in small groups. Some made plans to visit picturesque Point Reyes, drive to the ocean, or hike on the many trails in

## FreeWheelers Chapter

**Olema, California**

**July 31-August 3**

The hosts chose "The Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer" as their rally theme and all



Getting into the spirit of Cascadia's "Tiki Time." / photo: Elaine Ploegstra



Kay Milliken let her fellow FreeWheelers check out her rig during the group's rig warming event at their rally in early August.

Point Reyes National Park. Some drove north into Marshall for fresh-from-the-ocean oysters.

That afternoon, one of our members, Cris, presented a self-defense class. We learned a lot! After dinner, there were board and card games in the rec hall followed by time around the campfire.

Saturday afternoon was filled with doggie paw picture painting, horse-shoes, shuffleboard, croquet and more sightseeing. After dinner, it was time for movie night with a movie screen hung from the side of the hosts' rig. Those watching the movie brought chairs and blankets to our "walk-in" theater. Popcorn was provided and we watched and laughed at Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in *The Long, Long Trailer*, a perfect movie for RVers.

— Cheryl Foletta

## FreeWheeler's Chapter

### Oroville, California September 12–15

Chapter members gathered in Oroville at the Feather Falls Casino KOA for their September rally.

After dinner on Friday, they gathered to play "Fun with Cups & Such!" The group split up into teams of four and competed for prizes while doing five different competitive activities. Prizes were then given to the top three teams.

The next day, after lunch, many



*FreeWheeler Linda Turkatte concentrates on her cup tower during the FreeWheeler's Fun with Cups competition in September.*



*That's what the slide is for! RVing Women can do anything, including setting up a movie theater in the middle of a campground in Olema, California. Once it got dark, rally goers enjoyed popcorn and the Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz movie, "The Long, Long Trailer." FreeWheeler's said their "walk-in" theater was perfect.*

came to see what the mystery activity that was on the schedule really was. It turned out to be a scavenger hunt! Surprisingly, all four teams that played were winners. There was more competition and fun with cups that evening, after the potluck dinner. The games that evening eliminated any activities that used balloons for fear some gals might end up on the floor! Another rousing, fun-filled evening was enjoyed by many, with more winners receiving prizes. After the competition, some of us calmed down around a beautiful fire with the day-old full moon as a backdrop. Good conversations were had while we all got to know each other a bit better.

— Cheryl Foletta



*Catching the ball was harder than it looked, but Wendy Gibson and Gina Nellor did it well during the second day of cup competition.*

*It takes teamwork and focus, and both Kris Kirkendall and Cheryl Foletta are doing just that during the FreeWheeler's Oroville rally.*



## Great Lakers Chapter

### Evart, Michigan

July 18-21

Our soft and sunny Great Lakers rally kicked off at Crittenden County Park Campground with a meet and greet Thursday afternoon with tri-color pasta salad, a deli tray of slider sandwiches, cool drinks and lots of chit-chat to catch up with one another. The summer heat and humidity was getting to us, but we sat under shade trees and had a big fan blowing when Mother Nature wasn't breezing for us.

Most of the 23 Great Lakers who travelled to the 47th Annual Dulcimer Musical Funfest then carpooled seven miles to Evart for the Thursday evening grandstand show. The crowd was first entertained by the Original Dulcimers Players Club (ODPC) which also includes fiddle, banjo, guitar and ukulele, but mostly mountain dulcimers which are picked, and hammer dulcimers whose strings are struck with - surprise - a little soft-headed hammer-like device.

This funfest is very special to the many devoted attendees who come from all over the United States so they can jam with their music friends. One large group is the Squirrels Nest, who dressed in red shirts with "thing 1, thing 2..." all the way up to thing 160 plus. All of the folks who perform are dedicated to this acoustic music form which was originally popular in the mid-1800s



*Candace Atwood shows how she felt when she woke up and walked out of her rig after a storm blew through the campground Friday night during the Great Lakers Chapter rally in Evart, Michigan. Behind her, Linda Jarvie, Skye King and Betty Rhodes were able to take down the dead awning the wind destroyed so that Candace could safely travel home.*

and Civil War era. Revived in the early 1960s by the ODPC, dulcimer playing and accompanying instruments have a niche of their own and meet every July at the Osceola County Fairgrounds. Of course, there are vendors selling music CDs and other little heard of music makers like bowed psaltery, autoharp, spoons and even a hurdy-gurdy that was seen on stage. The most musical among us went to some of the numerous workshops. Tommie P. went for autoharp, Linda G. learned new ukulele and native flute skills, and Pam R. workshopped her talents, too. When we came back to our campground that evening, about six of us donned swimsuits to cool off in Big Lake.

After Friday morning coffee, more of us looked over the list of workshops. The fifth annual Motown sing-along was in the afternoon, so a group of us attended that fun jam session. We even had a couple of members volunteer as Supremes during the Motown review. Later, at a recently opened restaurant called Sixth and Main, in downtown Evart, quite a few had a BBQ rib plate in the welcome air conditioning. The Friday evening grandstand show at the funfest included the 2018 National Dulcimer Champion Wendy Songe, who was also a great vocalist. Her style was similar to what you might hear in Appalachian mountain tunes, and



*At the Dulcimer Musical Funfest, Linda Jarvie and Candace Atwood, Great Lakers Chapter members, performed as Supremes at the Motown jam session.*



*GreatLakers member Skye King took advantage of the festival seminars and learned to play the mountain dulcimer.*



Waiting for the festivities to start at the Dulcimer Festival was a perfect time to get a shot of several of the Great Lakers Chapter members who attended the July rally, which has become a tradition for the group.



The group enjoyed listening to Wendy Songe, 2018 National Dulcimer Champion.

also was very Irish. Next on stage was Nick Blanton who, during his set, played both a whistle pipe and tapped on a string drum positioned between his legs while a musician cranked and strummed the hurdy-gurdy to accompany him. The level of talent of all the musicians was fantastic. We got back to camp before dark to rest up for Saturday, skipping any talk of a fire because all were hot and tired.

While we were snuggled in our RV nests, a loud wind came bearing down on the campground at 1:30 in the morning. A look into the back yard made it clear that Mother Nature had blasted us. The E-Z UP canopy was twisted and

down, a shade tarp and poles had collapsed and the trailer awning was shaking madly. Although the storm swept east quickly, it left awning problems. Candace and Carol's motorhome was parked where the wind came across the lake, resulting in a ruined awning on top of their rig with its arms twisted and no way to salvage it. A few of the mechanical types, like Linda J. and Skye K., got ladders and drills, ropes and muscle, and removed the awning so the RV could get back on the road. It rained off-and-on all day, but we still had power although there were many outages in the area. For a second time, some went downtown for the perch

dinner special at Sixth and Main. The weather pushed the final evening of hammered dulcimer performances into the community building where the hammering for the last show was crazy and fast and the crowd was happy and enthusiastic. It was a lot of entertainment for a \$15 weekend pass. If this is your kind of music, make your way to Michigan in July for the 48th funfest next summer.

We had a Sunday pancake breakfast followed by our chapter meeting where we held elections. Those who had to go said their goodbyes, but quite a few stayed for one more day of swimming, talking, dog walking, corn hole games and pizza pie medley. Mom Nature ended it all with a gorgeous orange sunset with a peppering of ribbons and rays.

— Joy Bondy and Skye King

## Great Lakers Chapter

### Interlochen, Michigan

August 1–5

Northern Michigan's weather did not disappoint us – sunny, low humidity and cool nights perfect for campfires. Interlochen State Park was the perfect location, just across the road from the Interlochen Center of the Arts Academy. The 32 women who attended this rally enjoyed five days of music concerts, kayaking, golf, biking, enjoying the Lake Michigan beach and the wonderful company of each other.



The Great Lakers Chapter had a musical theme for their summer rallies. Their August rally included a tour of the Interlochen Academy for the Arts. Tommie Preniczky and Pat Bubel board the shuttle for their tour of the academy.



Members of the Great Lakers Chapter were among the many people enjoying the *Les Preludes* concert on the final night of the group's August rally in Interlochen, Michigan.

The rally started Thursday night with a taco bar provided by hosts Tommie and Brenda. During welcoming introductions, it didn't take long to discover who had traveled the farthest. Member Diane Courney introduced her partner who had just arrived from Perth, Australia! Each morning we gathered for coffee and to plan the day's activities.

This was the final week of the Interlochen summer music academy offering nonstop free and low-cost recitals and concerts from morning until night. Camping just across the road allowed us to walk back and forth to recitals as we pleased. On Friday, some of us took

a guided tour of the Arts Academy campus. Others took in the play 9-5. Pat P, Linda G, and Denise D took time to golf a round. Several women went to nearby Traverse City to shop at the street sale. The park and surrounding roads also provided ample biking paths.

Saturday was similar to Friday's events. Saturday night we went out for dinner at Bradley's and enjoyed good food, good service and good company. An evening campfire was enjoyed by those who still had enough energy to sit upright in a chair.

A group headed for the beach in Frankfort on Sunday where two of us took the plunge in Lake Michigan...



When your chapter is named after these lakes, a visit is a must! G. Mueller, Ruth Abberley and Diane Courney enjoy Lake Michigan and its sandy beach on the last full day of the group's August rally.

BRRRR! Sunday night, we all gathered on the grassy slopes of the concert bowl to enjoy *Les Preludes* (along with a couple thousand other folk). We experienced 100-plus symphony and dance performers. Experiencing such talented youth gives one renewed hope for our future. The concert was followed by another campfire.

Monday morning, we had scrambled eggs and bagels for our hitch-up breakfast. We then had a short business meeting. No one seemed to be in a hurry to see this rally end.

—Brenda Bartz



Even the busiest of rallies needs to provide some time for just relaxing at the campsite. Linda Jarvey, Grace Haddad, Diane Courney and Renee Demar do just that at Interlochen State Park. But with all that water around, kayaking was also a popular activity. Carole Goodwin, Karen Lentz and Gayle Bennett kayak on Duck Lake between the many concerts the Great Lakers Chapter members attended in Interlochen.

## Lyte Hearts Chapter

Lanesboro, Minnesota  
September 5-8

Lyte Hearts completed our 2019 season with a fall rally at Eagle Cliff Campground in Lanesboro. We had 63 ladies occupying 40 sites. Of the attendees, 27 were new to Lyte Hearts, which was amazing!

The rally started Thursday evening as we gathered for our meet and greet. We collected food donations for a local food charity, reviewed the planned rally activities and played an ice breaker called "Where are the Lyte Hearts?" where we pinned names on a map to show unique facts about ourselves. We learned three of our Lyte Hearts were born in Fargo, North Dakota and another three were born outside of the United States. We recognized our new attendees along with our seasoned Lyte Hearts so both groups could get to know one another. We also recognized two women visiting from the Rocky Mountain Chapter. They had struck up a conversation with members of Lyte Hearts earlier in the week at an RV dealer and were told about our rally nearby. It was a great way for the new attendees to see how RVW connects members



With 63 women attending the Lyte Hearts September rally, the meet and greet and potluck were perfect events to get to know each other better. That was even more important because 27 of them were new to the chapter.



During the Lyte Hearts rally, 16 of the women took a two-hour kayaking tour down the Root River, one of Minnesota's 35 state water trails that offer more than 4,500 miles of paddling.

nationally. Thursday evening came to a close over our first campfire of the rally, along with some watching the opening game of NFL football.

Friday was an active day for those who chose to participate in activities. A group of 19 ladies enjoyed breakfast at a local restaurant and delivered our collected items to the food shelf. At the same time, a group of 16 went kayaking or canoeing down the Root River on a two-hour tour. After lunch, a group of 22 ladies departed for a nearby environmental center to attend a raptor animal program that included live birds. For dinner, 33 of us traveled to a nearby apple orchard where we were treated to salad, homemade pizza and apple pie. The views from our outdoor hilltop seating were as spectacular as the food. The

evening ended with a very large group campfire back at the campground where we sang songs and enjoyed each other's company.

Saturday was another busy day. A group of 20 took to the nearby bike trail to enjoy the beautiful weather and scenery. Several ladies also made their way to Whalen, Minnesota and the Aroma Pie Shop. (No trip to the Lanesboro area is complete without sampling their pie!) The afternoon brought many of the attendees together to discuss rig nuances, assist new campers with their questions and offer rig suggestions from seasoned Lyte Hearts to those who are looking. It was an excellent session. Later that evening, we had our hour of charm and potluck and then ended with another campfire while a few



Food gathered during the Lyte Hearts Chapter's meet and greet was later donated to a local charity. Several of those attending the rally helped deliver the collection.



There were 27 new Lyte Hearts Chapter members out of the 63 women attending the group's September rally in Lanesboro, Minnesota.

stayed indoors playing board games.

Sunday brought the end of our rally and we had rig send offs for those leaving. For the women who stayed another day, we had a craft activity where we gussied up a tea towel. We learned about needles, hoops, stitch styles and types, as well as design transfer as we embroidered our towels. The group had a leisurely afternoon and finished the day with a potluck of leftovers. The new attendees, as well as our seasoned Lyte Hearts, enjoyed good weather, fun activities, camaraderie and amazing conversations.

—Kathy Matsko

## Mid-Atlantic Chapter

### Bear, Delaware

August 15–18

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter finally camped at Lums Pond State park in Bear, Delaware! It was our first time to camp there, but the second time we had made reservations. Thanks to Hurricane Florence in 2018, we had to delay the rally for a year. With two years for the hosts to plan – we had a great, action packed, fun filled weekend!

Women started to show up to the campground Wednesday and Thursday.

Friday, we had many of the campsites filled and our activities were in full swing. Friday morning started out with registration, where the hosts lavished us with many gifts in a backpack! That left us most of the afternoon to explore the campground and the surrounding area. Friday night the official activities started. There were hotdogs, Cracker Jacks, peanuts and apple pie for all, with a side of a cornhole tournament. The night concluded with a campfire where we all talked, got caught up with each other's happening, and enjoyed some much-needed rest and relaxation. The



Members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter finally made it to Lums Pond State Park near Bear, Delaware. Their scheduled rally at this park last year had to be cancelled when Hurricane Florence roared by.



All the way from Quebec, Canada, Arita and Robyn, along with their dog Tilley, stopped in to check out RVW at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's August rally.

only thing that was overactive was the pesky mosquitos!

Saturday morning started early as the fun and games continued. We started with picnic party games, trivia, and a scavenger hunt. We divided into teams. Games included were ring toss on a liter bottle of soda, clothespin drop into a jug, softball using a wiffle ball, bucket toss, water balloon toss and hillbilly horseshoes. What a blast! When teams finished, Sue Ahern started tallying them while everyone else had another few hours to explore the area, ride bikes, walk trails or enjoy the pond.

We all gathered around 4 p.m. at Sue Ahern and Maxine Ansbach's brand new rig for the blessing ceremony. With wine or juice in hand, we toasted them good health and many happy shenanigans as they travel. We were then off



Overall winner of Mid-Atlantic's competition day was Team 7: Sandi Hensley, Wendy Wilt, Nancy Davis and Cindy Hoernlein.

to play more games in the same teams as that morning. Team 8 (Kathy Healy, Sandy Bosley, Patti Burke and Karen Welter) played Team 2 (Nancy Davis, Lee Ensor, Dotti Pease and Lisa Aita) in a head-to-head baseball bean bag playoff. Team 8 won. It was a lot of fun and people even ran the bases for us (Caryn Cohen, Shelly Lykins, Maureen McCracken and Cindy Hoernlein). Sandy B, from Team 8, was a double short of "hitting for the cycle." We needed a break after all this activity in the heat, since it was about 90 degrees, so we broke for dinner. We were able to cool off in our rigs with the AC on and get nourishment to be ready for more games that evening.

After dinner, we gathered to learn who the team winners were from the morning games. Team 8 (see above) Team 7 (Sandi Hensley, Wendy Wilt, Nancy Davis and Cindy Hoernlein) and Team 10 (Maxine Ansbach, Donna Whiteside, Debbie Ross and Shelly Stichter) were the teams that moved on to the playoffs. They started by shooting cups off the picnic table with super soakers. Then they were cuffed to a partner to carry water from a bucket to a cup with a set of measuring spoons for one and shallow spoon rest for the other. Finally, it was the balloon toss again, but this time they had to have Dawn dish detergent on their hands. Everyone laughed harder than they had in a very long time! When the spectators added their remarks and laughter, the teams started throwing the left-over water balloons at the spectators! That brought on more laughter. Team 7 was the overall winner of the games. After the games were finished, we all sat around the



Team 8, Kathy Healy, Sandy Bosley, Patti Burke and Karen Welter, made the playoffs with their baseball bean bag win over Team 2.



Mid-Atlantic members Sue Ahern and Maxine Ansbach had their rig blessed the RVW way during the rally in Delaware.

campfire drying off, talking about the day's activities, laughing a little more, and enjoying each other's company. The mosquitos seemed to have called in reinforcements so, because of them and the day's activities, many people called it an early night.

Sunday came too fast for all of us after such a great and enjoyable weekend. Patti B, Wendy W., Maxine A. and Sue A. did a fantastic job of coordinating the entire weekend's activities! We all met at 10 a.m. for a group picture and a long goodbye. There were 42 women who camped, four people joined our chapter, two people visited us from RVW in Quebec, Canada (Arita, Robyn and Tilley their dog), plus three people visited from Carefree, Florida. We also had a chance to meet another women's camping group called Sisters on the Fly. We learned about them and they learned about us. They are a very nice group of people and seem to enjoy camping as much as we do.

All in all, it was a fun-filled and



Maxine Ansbach, Donna Whiteside, Debbie Ross and Shelly Stichter, members of Team 10, also made the playoffs.



Mid-Atlantic chapter members show their red, white and blue in June.

action-packed weekend. Many of us have already made reservations for the same time next year. You might want to check out our calendar on the web page and join us for a rally or two. You will not be disappointed.

—D. Kathleen Healy

## Mid-Atlantic Chapter

### Lancaster, Pennsylvania

May 31–June 2

This was another wonderful weekend with 73 friends meeting in Pennsylvania. People started to arrive early in the week so they could shop at the local Amish farmers markets, local outlets, or get some camping in while watching the farmer plow his fields across the stream.

The group was served our annual and traditional breakfast of creamed chip beef made by Lee Ensor on Thursday morning. That night, the weary travelers enjoyed another tradition, an all-you-can-eat dinner at a local restaur-

ant called Dienner's Country Restaurant. Once everyone had their fill, they went back to the campground to relax and enjoy the evening.

Most of the group rolled in on Friday and after setting up went shopping or to the local brewery to share a flight or a pint. Happy hour started at 5:30 p.m. in the campground's pavilion with beef BBQ, rolls, chips, and ice cream with toppings for dessert. The day ended with some playing cards and others sitting by the campfire talking to old friends and making new ones.

We started Saturday morning early



Since the early June rally was the closest one Mid-Atlantic Chapter was having before July 4th, the theme was "Red White and Blue." Members went all out supporting it.



After a hard fought battle of camping Pictionary, these women who made up Team 4 were named winners. Ruth Shiers, Katie Head, Sue Walton, Darla Joslyn Sandy Rappeport and Bobbie Engelking now have Pictionary winner bragging rights in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

with a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, potato patties, fresh fruits and, of course, coffee. After breakfast cleanup we all tie dyed clothing! What a great activity as people created shirts, aprons, hats, dog bandanas and such. While that was going on, we had a hot dog roast for lunch followed by the blessing of the new or new-to-you rigs.

Saturday evening's happy hour was followed with the group picture and then an old-fashioned fried chicken dinner. After dinner, we played a game of camping Pictionary. Ruth Shiers, Katie Head, Sue Walton, Darla Joslyn,

Sandy Rappeport and Bobbie Engeling now have Pictionary winner bragging rights! There was another round of sitting by the campfire or card playing. Just when everyone was safely back in their rigs, we had a nice rain storm. There is nothing like lying in bed and listening to the rain on the RV roofs while reminiscing about the great Saturday we all just enjoyed!

Sunday came too fast for some of us. We were served a continental breakfast along with leftovers from Friday and Saturday's hot breakfasts. The "Best Dressed Red White and Blue" winners were announced. Sharon Cin won second place and Sandy Bosley won first place. We ate, talked, made future plans, picked up, packed up and headed home. A few stayed an extra night, but most were home before the Sunday evening sun set to prepare for work the next day.

—D. Kathleen Healy

*Whether it's returning to favorite campgrounds, the Saturday hot dog lunch or the blessing of new rigs, traditions like these are a big part of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's activities at their rallies.*



*Much of Saturday was spent tie dyeing shirts, aprons, hats, even dog bandanas during the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's rally in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The variety of colors and designs was amazing and very diverse.*



Northeast Network members know that setting up camp in Massachusetts when there is rain in the forecast means lots of pop ups. / photos: Cathy Zieff and Jackie Proko



Having a lot of great food to share is even better when the weather is cool and rainy. NEN's September rally in Brimfield had plenty of both.



After a busy day, nothing is more relaxing than a fire. That's what NEN members Jackie P., Donna T. and Kim O. discovered.

## Northeast Network

### Brimfield, Massachusetts September 6-8

Twenty members and two guests gathered at Quinebaug Cove Campground in Brimfield for this rally hosted by Kim Otis and Donna Tauro. Many of us camped down by the beach, creating a makeshift dog park for the four-legged rally goers. This was a small rally with some new faces from our chapter membership list and a surprise visit from Kim's Mom.

There was a pizza party Friday night. Saturday's activities started with a hearty breakfast and a beautiful day. There were lots of local events this weekend. Many attended the Brimfield antique show, considered the oldest outdoor antique event, where antiques from thousands of vendors line the main streets of Brimfield. Others spent

the afternoon kayaking the Quinebaug River Canoe Trail, a designated watchable wildlife area and the first water trail to be part of the National Trails System by the National Park Service. A few brave souls took their bikes out on the Grand Trunk Trail, part of the Titanic Rail Trail which will run 66 miles. At the end of the afternoon, a couple of groups met up at the local Nipmuck Indian Pow Wow. The evening was chilly, so a potluck with wonderful warm foods under all the EZ Ups was very welcome. Fireside chatter ended the evening and helped fight off the chill.

Sunday morning breakfast was quite an event. Kim made pancakes with all the extras, including a fire to warm everyone until the sun got stronger. Hugs and goodbyes finished another great NEN rally. Many Thanks to Kim and Donna for hosting.

-Cathy Zieff



Fall camping means a daytime fire is nice. Carla W., Pauline B., Cathy Z., Roxy P., Cheryl K., Kim O. and a special guest, Kim's mother, enjoy the fire and relaxing around it.



Cathy Z., Jackie P., Char S. and Deb B. enjoy an afternoon of kayaking.

## Oregon Chapter

### Gold Beach, Oregon

August 15-18

The setting for the Oregon Chapter's August rally was the bank of the beautiful Rogue River in southern Oregon, 10 miles upriver from Gold Beach and the Pacific Ocean. The weather was in our favor. A gentle breeze blew up the river each afternoon to keep us cool.

There were a lot of things to do at the Kimball Creek Bend RV Park. The big jet boats (Oregon's only mail jet boat trip on the Rogue River) went up and down the river. One of the boats you can ride on is an actual mail boat, which still delivers mail daily to Agness, 32 miles upriver, just like Rogue River pioneers have done since 1895. Some of the women took advantage of the opportunity to go for a speedy ride up the river and were picked up right at the dock by our park. If you were on the outside edge of the boat, you were sure to get soaking wet as the boat cut tight circles in the river.

Some members hiked through the groves of cottonwoods and the old growth forests. Others drove into Gold Beach for sightseeing and a meal from the local restaurants. Since we were near the ocean, seafood was a popular selection.



*Relaxing with a sing-along was just one activity members of the Oregon Chapter made time for during their August rally at Kimball Creek RV Park. Jeanette Haller, June Willoughby, Paulette Beliveau, Mary Fries and Michelle Pelkey led the group. / photo: Carol Serpa*



*Oregon Chapter members gathered for an August rally in Gold Beach. / photo: Dorothy Pasch*



During the weekend, many tried their hand at rock painting. Dorothy Pasch, rally host, provided all the supplies (paint, brushes, etc.) and we picked up rocks on the riverbank to paint.

There are some creative painters in the Oregon Chapter. Rocks were painted to look like frogs, ladybugs, turtles, RVs, VW bugs, and whatever else popped into creative minds.

Saturday night brought us together for a big hot dog roast potluck. The rally host provided the hot dogs, buns and condiments. Members contributed salads, baked beans and deserts. The fire was hot and the dogs were nice and brown. The fire went on until long after sunset with music and a sing-along. It was a great evening of sharing.

A special treat during the rally was that we could easily see an osprey nest across the river. The babies were being fed on a regular basis. We would see one



*A few women made the trip up the Rogue River in the mailboat. / photo: Jeanette Haller*



*Green grass, shade and water nearby made for a relaxing SoCALjourners rally at the Chula Vista RV Resort in September.*

*It was a long reach to cook them, but Oregon Chapter members still agreed their hot dogs were delicious cooked over the coals at the Gold Beach rally. / photo: Dorothy Pasch*

parent guard the nest while the other one took a dive in the river and came up with dinner. They would fly over the nest and drop the fish into the nest to feed the three babies.

Everyone had a great time at this rally as we enjoyed fun activities, great food, nature and friendship.

*-Dorothy Pasch*

## SoCALjourners Chapter

**Chula Vista, California**  
**September 19-22**

Rally coordinators Patti Moakler and Elaine Phillips hosted a well-attended

rally at Chula Vista RV Resort in September. There were 32 campers in 20 rigs, along with seven day guests and seven new members.

The rally started on Thursday with women arriving all during the day. No formal activities were scheduled on Thursday. A half dozen folks did enjoy an all-you-can-eat fish and chips dinner at the Chula Vista Marina restaurant, The Galley.

On Friday, Elaine and Patti greeted early risers with coffee, croissants and muffins. Then 11 campers and nine dogs took in the beautiful surroundings of the Chula Vista Marina, accentuated

by the sea breeze and sunshine, during our dog walk. Social mingling, coffee and good friends catching up followed the early morning activities. Then we got down to business with our cornhole competition!

The double elimination competition started with 22 campers and 11 games. A good time was had by all during this first day of the contest. In fact, you could hear laughter, shrieks, cheering and overall cajoling and “smack talk” while games were taking place. During this time, some of our campers had their own aquatic class in the beautiful pool or had lunch out at a local restaurant. SoCALjourners officers held a chapter meeting at 4 p.m.



*The weather was perfect for SoCALjourners Chapter members and their fur babies during a morning dog walk in Chula Vista. / photo: Bev Laing*



*Taking advantage of cool ocean breezes and a shady palapa, SoCALjourners Chapter members enjoyed a potluck by the bay on Friday. The next morning, several of them gathered at the marina restaurant for breakfast. / photos: Bev Laing*



On Saturday, Elaine and Patti again hosted early risers with coffee, muffins and croissants. Then approximately 20 or so campers gathered at the marina restaurant for a delicious breakfast.

Later that morning, we continued with the next round of the cornhole competition. Numerous games were played until we had a final champion! The champion, Beth Valicevic, and runner up, Diane Hines, were rewarded with some fun prizes for their efforts and skill. Everyone enjoyed socializing in the beautiful weather while they were either playing or cheering players on.

Saturday evening was spent in the open-air gazebo and gliders adjacent to the beautiful marina. Campers shared appetizers and conversation before the sun set. Then, the lights were lit and everyone participated in card bingo. We also had our 50-50 raffle, which we do at every event, with the lucky winner taking home half of the proceeds and the other half going into the SoCALjourners donation fund which is given at the end of the year to a charitable organization.

Our final day, Sunday, came too quickly! Everyone clearly enjoyed the time spent with good friends sharing food, drink, laughs, stories, tips and ideas for future plans. Some campers departed very early while others spent a bit more time lingering over coffee and the seemingly endless container of muffins.

*- Patti Moakler and Elaine Phillips*

Friday evening was equally full of activities! After a potluck dinner, our chapter president, Therese Hunt, gave an update of chapter news; we welcomed our guests and new members; and we held our welcome raffle with many fun prizes. The group also heard from past RVW board member and SoCALjourners member Linda Brown. She recapped the qualifications of sev-

eral of the current board candidates and strongly urged everyone to vote in the upcoming election. Then it was time to celebrate with a cake in honor of our members who had birthdays in July, August and September. After a short break, about half the group returned for a few rousing games of Left Right Center.



*There's always time to relax and visit at a SoCALjourner Chapter rally.*



*An unused concrete pad was a perfect spot for a competitive game of corn hole at the Chula Vista rally. Beth Valicevic took the championship title. / photo: Bev Laing*



An open air gazebo and gliders next to the marina were a perfect spot for SoCALjourner members to share appetizers and conversation Saturday evening. / photo: Bev Laing

## Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

### Rockport, Texas

August 9-11

The August rally in Rockport, Texas was HOT, but well worth a trip to the Gulf Coast. We had 37 women attend, with three of those being guests. We also had 19 RVs camped at Wilderness Oaks RV resort, with four rally attendees staying in area hotels and four other women driving in from their homes each day. We even gained three new members at the rally.

There was something for everyone at this rally. Some women fished, some shopped, several swam in the park's pool while others played games in the rally room. There was also plenty of visiting, dog walking and admiring the many different rigs. We had a coffee klatch going on each morning at Cookie Davenport and Eva Kirten's big, new T@B.

The group headed to great restaurants both Thursday and Friday nights. There was plenty of seafood to choose from for those of us who love it. I ate my first, and most likely last, raw oyster.

Cathy Randles recently donated a batch of "How To" videos to the chapter, so our hosts made use of the park's electronics to show several of them at different times throughout the rally. It was a fantastic introduction for those new to RVing, but several members who've been RVing for a while said they learned something new also.

Rig inductions took place Saturday morning to avoid the blistering heat later in the afternoon. It made for such a pleasant walk that we are looking at doing it at that time more often. New member Anna Bivin has a Born Free that she opened up for all to see. Marla Loring's new-to-her RV was inducted for the second time! The first time was when Brenda McPherson owned it. New member Pat Humble's rig also received a splashing.

Since we had three new members and three guests, the new member orientation was well attended. A couple of our more seasoned members sat in on the meeting also. All the important stuff, such as don't forget to bring your own plate and fork to the potluck, was covered.

The group photo went off without a hitch Saturday evening, followed by a pizza and salad dinner. Members agreed it was nice not having to heat up their rigs to prepare a hot dish for a potluck.



At the Texas Ramblin' Roses rally in Rockport, they all agreed, when it's too hot to cook at a rally, pizza and salad are a perfect dinner. / photo: Colleen Phipps

Kudos to our hosts for thinking of this ahead of time.

After dinner Saturday evening, the RV park employees set up a karaoke machine and joined us for what turned out to be a whole bunch of fun. Mary Ellen Gonzalez, Tina Trost and Lori Sherwood opened up the evening with a rousing version of the movie 9-5.

Each Sunday morning, the RV park serves a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$3. Plenty of Roses took advantage of this bargain breakfast. Some women headed home later that morning but, as usual, there were quite a few who stayed another day or two.

Our hosts were Colleen Phipps, Mary Jane Anderson and Marlene Moreneau with Teri O'Hearn and Martha Long acting as our Howdy Gals. Thanks to all of you for making it such a fun weekend.

— Jimmie Andrews



The traditional group picture went off without a hitch at TRR's August rally. / photo: Jimmie Andrews



Three new members came to the Rockport rally and attended the new member orientation held there. / photo: Jimmie Andrews



The Granbury, Texas rally had 21 members of the Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter come to Bennett's RV Park for the September event. They toured historic Granbury, had a fried chicken potluck and did a service project working with Jamie Allnut and RV Disaster Corp.



After the new member orientation at the Granbury, Texas rally, several rigs were christened using a water gun.

## Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

### Granbury, Texas September 27-29

Hostesses Linda Sims, Olivia Dyer and Mary Ann Miller welcomed 21 Roses and six guests to Bennett's RV Park. For those who arrived early on Thursday, the group went to Stumpy's on the Lake for seafood.

Friday morning started with coffee and lots of chatter in the Rock House rally room. It was the original home of the Bennett family. We followed that up with a late lunch at Babe's Chicken Dinner House, which is on the historic Granbury Square, since most were going to the Granbury Opera House that evening to see "Barefoot in the Park." It was a fabulous performance!

Saturday morning started once again with the usual coffee and chitchat. Olivia Dyer conducted a new member orientation and several rigs were christened with water guns by former chapter president Pat Brown. In the afternoon, a group of ladies went to the Revolver Brewery for a tour of the facility and to enjoy their brews. The brewery had a local band and food trucks so everyone could relax and enjoy. Several

Roses went shopping in the historic downtown area where, rumor has it, they got most of their Christmas shopping done.

Saturday night, we had a fried chicken potluck with lots of wonderful salads, sides, and desserts provided by chapter members. Afterwards, we were joined by Jamie Allnut from RV Disaster Corp for a presentation on how the Roses could volunteer in Texas areas that have

been devastated in the past few years by weather. Jamie brought supplies for the Roses to participate in a service project. We filled buckets with all types of cleaning supplies and much needed goodies for those who had lost everything. Each bucket was wrapped in cellophane with yellow ribbons and included a personal note of encouragement written by the Rose.

Bennett's RV Park had given us a bag of goodies to give away as a thank you for using their facility. It was full of so many wonderful things that we were able to split it up into four drawings.

Our hostesses provided Sunday's hitch-up breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, fruit, coffee and, for those not driving, mimosas.

— Linda Sims



Working with Jamie Allnut from RV Disaster Corp, Roses made cleaning supply gift baskets to be given to people who had lost everything. After learning about RV Disaster Corp, a few of the women are learning more about RV Disaster Corp so they can volunteer with this group.

## Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

### Glen Rose, Texas

October 17-20

Announce a rally and they will come.

Our rally at the Oakdale RV Park had 45 Roses attend, including three new members, Danette Rodesky-Flores, Julie Jones and Jo Carol Villandry, as well as six guests. Oakdale RV Park is run by the city of Glen Rose and was opened in 1925 as a campground, motor court, and swimming pool and has been hosting guests ever since. Glen Rose is also home to Dinosaur Valley State Park.

The weather was great, with warm days and cool nights. Some of the group arrived as early as the beginning of the week, but things really got going on Thursday night when hostesses Cathy Randles, Teri Garcia and P.J. Immel gathered the early birds for happy hour at the campground's pavilion followed by a "bring your own meat" grill session where grills and cooking utensils as well as potato salad and chips were provided. Of course, lots of desserts showed up too.

Friday morning started with an exercise session in the rally room led by our own exercise guru, Joyce Wallace, followed by registration. After that, the day got very busy with kayaking led by Rita Neureuther, hiking at Big Rock Park right across the street, as well as tours of the town and lunch at several interesting local restaurants. An early



There were 45 Roses who attended the Glen Rose rally in October. / photo: Cathy Randles

dinner saw Lynn Johnson and Nancy Sommerman grilling brats and sausage with buns and sauerkraut for everyone and others bringing sides and desserts to share. After dinner, some of the Roses went off to see the outdoor musical "The Promise" while others stayed in the



rally room playing games or working on puzzles.

Saturday morning, after exercise and registration for those who arrived Friday evening, Rita and her kayaking crew headed out for the river again. Others visited Dinosaur Valley State Park or Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. Everyone was back by 4 p.m. for the group rally photo and then a rig christening ceremony for two RVs. New member Danette Flores gave a tour of her toy hauler followed by Tricia Harvey and Paula Kinter giving us a tour of their new pop up.

Saturday evening's potluck featured hostess Cathy Randles providing spaghetti with a choice of either a meat sauce or a spicy vegan sauce with everyone else providing side dishes and every dessert imaginable. The winner of our 50/50 drawing was guest Myrt Overby, who promptly donated her share back to the chapter saying she had a fabulous weekend. The evening was filled with games and visiting.

Sunday morning, hostess Teri Garcia provided breakfast burrito ingredients for the hitch-up breakfast. A few women had to leave. Others went out for brunch. Sunday evening, some of the group feasted on leftovers for dinner while others drove to Granbury for a German dinner. We were still playing games Sunday night when the park notified us there was a tornado watch. We escaped with only a little wind and some rain.

— Colleen Phipps



There's always someone ready to lend a helping hand at a Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter rally. / top photo: Hilde Barnett / bottom photo: Candy Haymes



# Calendar

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## NOVEMBER 2019

Oct 31–Nov 3	Pine Mountain, Georgia	Heart of Dixie Chapter
Oct 31–Nov 4	Tucson, Arizona	Solo Travelers Chapter
Oct 31–Nov 10	<b>Tucson, Arizona</b>	<b>RVW National Convention</b>
7–10	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Mid-Atlantic Chapter
14–17	Santa Rosa Beach, Florida	Florida Chapter
15–17	Fentress, Texas	Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
21–25	Plymouth, California	FreeWheelers Chapter

## DECEMBER 2019

5–8	Seffner, Florida	Florida Chapter
5–8	Riverside, California	SoCALjourners Chapter
6–8	Burnett, Texas	Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
12–15	Casa Grande, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
13–16	Calistoga, California	FreeWheelers Chapter

## JANUARY 2020

9–12	Winchester, California	SoCALjourners Chapter
9–12	Kissimmee, Florida	Florida Chapter
16–20	Quartzsite, Arizona	Arizona/Solo Travelers Chapters

## FEBRUARY 2020

13–16	Picacho, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
20–23	Hemet, (Sage) California	SoCALjourners Chapter
20–23	Zephyrhills, Florida	Florida Chapter

## MARCH 2020

4–8	Apache Junction, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
26–29	Lady Lake, Florida	Florida Chapter
26–30	Desert Hot Springs, California	Arizona/SoCALjourners Chapters
30–Apr 2	Parker, Arizona	Arizona Chapter

## APRIL 2020

10–12	Goliad, Texas	Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
16–19	Cottonwood, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
20–May 11	Six-stop Texas Ramble	Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
23–26	Temecula, California	SoCALjourners Chapter
24–26	Woodbine, Maryland	Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Make your reservations as soon as possible,

You can access all of these events, plus up-to-the-minute new ones, on the RVW website at [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org) under Rallies and Events

MAY 2020	7-10	Yucaipa, California	SoCALjourners Chapter
	14-17	Clermont, Florida	Florida Chapter
	14-17	Fairmont, Minnesota	Lyte Hearts Chapter
	14-18	St. Johns, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
	18-21	Winslow, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
	21-24	Page, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
	24-29	Fredonia, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
	26-29	Fort Wayne, Indiana	Ohio River Valley Chapter
	28-31	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Chapter

JUNE 2020	4-7	Anaheim, California	Canyon RV Park
	11-14	Punta Gorda, Florida	Florida Chapter
	25-28	Marshall, Illinois	Ohio River Valley Chapter

JULY 2020	14-17	Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota	Lyte Hearts Chapter
	16-20	Cedarville, Michigan	Great Lakers Chapter
	17-19	Woodbine, Maryland	Mid-Atlantic Chapter

AUGUST 2020	13-15	Bear, Delaware	Mid-Atlantic Chapter
	27-30	Ft. Pierce, Florida	Florida Chapter

SEPTEMBER 2020	11-13	Williamsburg, Virginia	Mid-Atlantic Chapter
	13-20	Sarasota, Florida (SAVE THE DATE)	RVW National Convention
	17-21	Tombstone, Arizona	Arizona Chapter
	21-25	Silver City, New Mexico	Arizona Chapter

OCTOBER 2020	15-18	Okeechobee, Florida	Florida Chapter
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NOVEMBER 2020	5-8	Seffner, Florida	Florida Chapter
	12-15	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Mid-Atlantic Chapter

DECEMBER 2020	9-13	North Fort Myers, Florida	Florida Chapter
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campgrounds and rallies often fill up quickly!

# Calendar of Events

As an RVW member, you are welcome to participate in chapter and national events wherever you go. Space may be limited, so make reservations as far in advance as possible. Please remember that RVW events are exclusively for women ages 18 and over. Updates to this calendar and additional details are published online at [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org).

## November 2019

**Oct 31–Nov 3 *Heart of Dixie Chapter: Pine Mountain, Georgia.*** Pine Mountain RV Resort, 8804 Hamilton Road, Pine Mountain, GA 31822.

This Halloween rally is in a small town in western Georgia. There will be a meet and greet Thursday evening, and other organized activities as well as free time for you to relax and take in the scenery.

Rally host is Sharon Brown. You can contact her with questions at [sharonbrown0180@att.net](mailto:sharonbrown0180@att.net) or 706-575-0798.

**Oct 31–Nov 4 *Solo Travelers Chapter: Tucson, Arizona.*** Pima County Fairgrounds Campground, 11300 S. Houghton Road, Tucson, AZ 85747.

Join the Solo Travelers Chapter at one of the few times they physically get together. Tell those who help you park you are with the Solos chapter.

We will have a meet and greet on Thursday and visit the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum on Friday. We recommend our members take the convention's Tucson Old Pueblo tour on Saturday. On Sunday, there will be a pancake and sausage breakfast.

If you plan to visit the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum or need more information, contact Sylvia Brown at [sylesider@yahoo.com](mailto:sylesider@yahoo.com). Please also RSVP to Sylvia if you plan to attend.

**31–Nov 10 *RVW National Convention: Tucson, Arizona.*** Pima County Fairgrounds RV Park, 11200 S. Houghton Road, Tucson, AZ 85747. Join us for the 23rd annual RVW national convention. See the [website](#) or [previous magazine issues](#) for convention information.

**7–10 *Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.*** Old Mill Stream Campground, 2249 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Those who have previously been to the Lancaster rallies know what a great campground this is and all the nearby activities there are to do.

Lee Ensor and Meg Taylor are the rally hosts.

Campground reservations and registration questions should be directed to Lee by calling her at 717-891-9644 or email her at [megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com). The campground is requiring RVW reservations be made by only one group member who will then assign the available RV full hookup/cable campsites. Reservations were due October 15 and any remaining campsites have been released back to the campground. There is a \$15 rally fee for this event.

**14–17 *Florida Chapter: Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.*** Top-Sail Hill Preserve State Park, 7525 W. Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459.

The park offers interpretive programs, guided hikes, canoe and kayak rentals, bike rentals, hiking, fishing, swimming, 3.2 miles of white sandy beaches and access to a 1,600-acre preserve.

Reservations can be made with ReserveAmerica. Please use the RSVP link on the RVW website after making reservations.

Your rally hosts will be Diann Worzalla, Debi Williams, Deb Bosack and Lynn Humphrey.

**15–17 *Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter: Fentress, Texas.*** Leisure Resort, 1 River Lane, Fentress, TX 78622.

Fentress is south of San Marcos and 30 minutes from Austin. There is plenty to do including kayaking, bird watching, visiting historic sites, taking a glass bottom boat tour, shopping at the San Marcos Outlet Mall or visiting Austin.

RV sites range from \$43 to \$49/night depending on location and there are cabin rentals available. Visit the resort website at [www.leisurecamp.net](http://www.leisurecamp.net) to see all the amenities and the park map.

Make your reservations at 512-213-0112. Remember to tell them you are with TRR.

Contact Pat Bowen once you have made your reservation with a text to 830-624-9299 or email to [texpatrving@gmail.com](mailto:texpatrving@gmail.com). Your hosts, Pat and Julia, will arrive on Wednesday, November 13 and depart on Monday, November 18.

**21–25 *FreeWheeler's Chapter: Plymouth, California.*** 49er Village RV Resort, 18265 Highway 49, Plymouth, CA 95669.

The hosts have provided a description of the rally and registration was available on the FreeWheeler's website, [rvwfreewheelers.org](http://rvwfreewheelers.org) under Events. A contact form is available under the event description for any questions.

## December 2019

**5–8 *Florida Chapter: Seffner, Florida.*** LazyDays RV Campground, 6210 County Road, Seffner, FL 33584.

This resort offers lots of activities. There is a heated pool, bar, restaurant, pickleball courts, dog parks and game rooms. Nearby is the Hard Rock Casino, Hillsborough River State Park, historic Ybor City and Disney World.

Make your reservations by calling the park at 800-350-6731. Please use the RVW website RSVP.

Lorene Ryan and Billie Wagoner are rally hosts. Email them at [lar9595@gmail.com](mailto:lar9595@gmail.com) or call them at 941-769-9595 or 941-626-0654 with questions.

**5-8 SoCALjourners Chapter: Riverside, California.** Rancho Jurupa State Park, 4800 Crestmore Road, Riverside, CA 92509.

Join us for a KISS rally at Rancho Jurupa. We'll be kicking off the holiday season at this great campground, not far from the famed Riverside Mission Inn and its spectacular Christmas lights display. The only activities planned at this point will be a trip to Tio's Tacos, if there are enough cars to get us there, and a possible trip to the Mission Inn to see the lights. Rock painting is always possible, weather permitting, along with the requisite appetizer get-together and BYOD (dinner) another night.

Join us at this lovely campground for a weekend of relaxation before things get holiday crazy! Make your reservations now at [www.rivcoparks.org/rancho-jurupa-regional-park](http://www.rivcoparks.org/rancho-jurupa-regional-park). Your hosts, Laura and Alice, will be in site #235 in the Cottonwood section. Cottonwood Section has full hookups. After making reservations, please let Alice and Laura know your site number by emailing them at [lauralmay@aol.com](mailto:lauralmay@aol.com).

**6-8 Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter: Burnett, Texas.** Big Chief Cabin and RV Resort, 3020 FM 690, Burnett, TX 78611.

This will be our annual meeting rally. The official dates are Friday through Sunday, but you are going to want to come early and stay longer at this great park. Big Chief is located 10 minutes west of Burnet on the deep end of beautiful Lake Buchanan. They offer large, full-hookup, mostly pull-through sites, comfortable cabins, free limited Wi-Fi, a swimming pool, hot tub, disc golf, horseshoes, washer pits, a large clubhouse with full kitchen and a covered pavilion for enjoying the great sunsets over Lake Buchanan. The lake has fantastic fishing and easy access for kayaking.

There is lots to do nearby, including both Inks Lake and Longhorn Caverns state parks, the Vanishing Texas River Cruise, golf courses and lots of restaurants. Local vineyards and wineries include Fall Creek, Lost Creek, Perissos and Torr Na Lochs. Area museums range from the Fort Croghan Museum and grounds to Hill Country Motorheads. Main Street Bethlehem and Burnet's Christmas on the Square may be going on when we are there.

The rally rate is \$35/night and includes full hookups. Big Chief will honor that rate before and after the rally. All sites have 20/30/50-amp, full

hookups and WiFi. You need to call the park at 512-793-4746 and reserve one of the 46 sites we have on hold as soon as possible. Be sure to tell them you are with Texas Ramblin' Roses/RVW. This is a very popular rally and sites will sell out very early. Cabins are also available from \$89 to \$129/night depending on size and location.

Your hostesses are your chapter officers: Jimmie Andrews, Cookie Davenport, Judith Gedalia, and Colleen Phipps. Make your reservations now and text Colleen Phipps at 210-557-4404 or email her at [trrsec19@gmail.com](mailto:trrsec19@gmail.com) to let her know you have reservations or if you have any questions.

**12-15 Arizona Chapter: Casa Grande, Arizona.** Casa Grande RV Resort, 195 West Rodeo Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

We will be returning to this resort for our annual Christmas party and yearly business meeting. There will be a holiday dinner and gift exchange. The resort offers a Friday morning waffle breakfast and Saturday morning apple fritters and donuts, both for a small donation. They also have a Sunday breakfast brunch for a fee.

For reservations, call 520-421-0401 and tell them you are with RVW. Sites are all full-hookups and cost \$45/night with a non-refundable \$45 deposit when you make your reservations.

You are welcome to stay before or after the rally dates. The resort offers free Wi-Fi, billiards, a fitness center, spa and pickleball courts.

As soon as you make your reservations, email Diane Tricomi at [pegberger@aol.com](mailto:pegberger@aol.com) and give her your name, name(s) of anyone else with you, and your arrival and departure dates. You can also email her if you have questions.

**13-16 FreeWheelers Chapter: Calistoga, California.** Calistoga RV Park, 1601 North Oak Street, Calistoga, CA 94515.

A description of the rally and registration is on the FreeWheelers' website, [rvwfreewheelers.org](http://rvwfreewheelers.org) under Events. A contact form will be available under the event description for any questions.

## January 2020

**9-12 Florida Chapter: Kissimmee, Florida.** Sherwood Forest RV Resort, 5300 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

This resort is close to everything, including four miles from Walt Disney World and 12 miles from Universal Studios, yet surrounded by lush trees, established landscaping, clear water lakes and an ever-so-peaceful setting! If shopping is your

thing, there are six major malls and outlets within a 10-mile radius.

Rally price is \$32/night plus tax. The resort's activity calendar includes concerts, dinners, dances, dance lessons, bingo, card nights, board game nights, crafting, quilting, ice cream socials and cookouts, just to mention a few! There is a clubhouse, pool, fitness center, mini golf, dog park, game room, store and Wi-Fi. You can check in at noon, check out by 11 a.m.

Call the resort at 877-570-2267 to make a reservation. Tell them you are with the RVing Women rally when calling for the reservation. Please remember to RSVP on the RVW website.

Rally hosts are Susan Johnson and Jennifer Mamula. If anyone has any questions, please email Jennifer at jenmamula@gmail.com or call her at 407-920-6834.

**9–12 SoCALjourners Chapter: Winchester, California.** Lake Skinner, 37701 Warren Road, Winchester, CA 92596.

This is a NO-HOST get-together and a relaxing rally to recover from the holidays.

We will be in Section C, sites 301 and forward along the grassy area. You need to make your own reservations by calling 800-234-PARK (7275) or through [www.rivcoparks.org](http://www.rivcoparks.org).

After making reservations, please email Bev at [bbevgonagn@aol.com](mailto:bbevgonagn@aol.com) so she knows you are attending and tell her which site you will be in.

**16–20 Arizona and Solo Travelers Chapters: Quartzsite, Arizona.** Roadrunner BLM Camping. See directions below.

This is a joint rally between the Arizona and Solo Travelers Chapters. This FREE rally is boondocking (dry camping) on BLM land south of Quartzsite. We've been going to the same spot for 28 years!

There is NO water, electric or dump station, so come prepared! Activities during the rally include attending the Big Tent Sports, Vacations and RV Show, the mineral expo, educational seminars, potlucks, an evening fire and so much more.

Volunteers are needed, especially as fire tenders. If you want to help out in any way, let host Jan Miller know at [janbouldercity@aol.com](mailto:janbouldercity@aol.com).

If you are planning on attending, email Jan at [janbouldercity@aol.com](mailto:janbouldercity@aol.com) and tell her your arrival and departure dates, the names of everyone with you, what chapter(s) you belong to and if you are new to RVW. Several women arrive at our spot a few days early and stay after the rally, so know that is always an option for everyone.

The area RVing Women has been using to camp in since 1992 is located south of Quartzsite in the Roadrunner BLM camping area. We are just north of LaPaz Valley Road and west of Highway 95. Turn

right on LaPaz Valley Road just past mile marker 99. Do NOT turn on Pipeline Road. GPS coordinates are 33° 35' 31.6" N and 114° 13' 50.7" W.

## February 2020

**13–16 Arizona Chapter: Picacho, Arizona.** Picacho Peak State Park, 15520 Picacho Peak Road, Picacho, AZ 85141.

Make reservations now for this rally, located 79 miles from Phoenix and 40 miles from Tucson, just off I-10 Exit 219. Nearby attractions include the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch, Windmill Winery and Ironwood Pig Sanctuary.

Campsites have electric, picnic tables and fire rings. Water is available at the dump station. For reservations, go to [azstateparks.com/picacho](http://azstateparks.com/picacho). Your hosts are in Loop C. After reserving a site, contact the hosts and give them your site number, number in your party and arrival and departure dates.

For more information, contact your hosts, Donna Sites, Debbie Oakley, Cindy Barnhill or Dagmar Thorin at [debbie.oakley@outlook.com](mailto:debbie.oakley@outlook.com).

**20–23 SoCALjourners Chapter: Hemet (Sage), California.** Tualota Springs RV Park, 41601 East Benton Road, Hemet, CA 92544.

This RV park is located in the hills above the Temecula wineries. There is also fishing and hiking available. We will be holding our annual meeting at this rally.

Currently, there is no rally host. We are in the process of looking for someone. If you want to volunteer to host or if you have questions, please contact Cheryl Davidovich at [hrrsround@aol.com](mailto:hrrsround@aol.com).

**20–23 Florida Chapter: Zephyrhills, Florida.** Forest Lake Village, 41219 Hockey Drive, Zephyrhills, FL 33540.

Amenities at this resort include a large pool with hot tub, clubhouse, fishing, library, billiards and putt putt golf.

The rally rate is \$50.40/night and will be honored for two nights before or after the rally dates if women want to come early or stay longer. At least 10 sites need to be booked 30 days in advance to lock in this rate. Call 877-570-2267 to make your reservation and tell them you are with RVing Women. Please remember to RSVP on the RVW website after you make your reservation.

This is currently a no-host rally. If you would like to host, email Trish Carn at [carnt@bellsouth.net](mailto:carnt@bellsouth.net).

## March 2020

**4–8 Arizona Chapter: Apache Junction, Arizona.** Lost Dutchman State Park. 6109 North Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85119.

Join us at our annual rally in one of our favorite

state parks. We will be dry camping in the Quail Group Area, so no water or electric at site. The group area does have a ramada and fire pit. Showers and restrooms are located near the group area and the park has a dump station. Activities for this rally will be announced at a later date.

The park is charging up front, per day, for all the sites we use. It is important to fill all the sites for all four days. Because the Arizona Chapter has to pay prior to the rally, all payments will be made to Diane Tricomi at the time of your arrival. Cost for all four nights is \$90. If you are staying less than four nights your cost is \$75 total.

Email host Diane Tricomi at [pegberger@aol.com](mailto:pegberger@aol.com) with your arrival date, departure date, names of everyone in your party and whether you or anyone in your group is new to RVW or a new member. Contact Diane if you need additional information.

**26-29 Florida Chapter: Lady Lake, Florida.** Blue Parrot RV Resort, 40840 County Road 25, Lady Lake, FL 32159.

This resort in The Villages has all the normal amenities, including both indoor and outdoor pickle ball courts and an unusual par-3 golf course. There will be pre-registration events for you to attend as well as a chance to take advantage of the 9-hole championship golf course and dinner one

night at a Villages restaurant. There may also be excursions to sign up for.

The rally rate is \$45/night. We are very lucky to get 20-25 sites reserved for us in the height of the winter season, but reservations must be made before February 25 or we will lose them. Call the park at 352-753-2026 as soon as possible to make a reservation. Tell them you are with the RVW group. Our sites are A-F, V-W, L-P, R-T, 37 and 38. They may not give you a specific site until you arrive. All sites are near the pool, clubhouse and park exit. The manager is Shari, if you have questions about the reservations.

Your hosts are Ann Jennings and Carlin Washo. After you make your reservations, email Ann at [AnnJenningsdds@aol.com](mailto:AnnJenningsdds@aol.com) to tell her you are coming and give her your name, email address and phone number. Please remember to also RSVP on the RVW website. If you have questions, you can email Ann, call her at 352-455-5106, or call Carlin at 352-455-1730.

**26-30 Arizona and SoCALjourners Chapters: Desert Hot Springs, California.** Catalina Spa and RV Park, 18800 Corkill Road, Desert Hot Springs, CA 9224.

This is a joint rally between the Arizona and SoCALjourners Chapters. There will be planned events by both chapters and plenty of time to enjoy



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Make your reservations by calling Catalina Spa and RV Park at 760-329-4431. Tell them you are with the RVing Women group. A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is required at the time of reservation. Rates are \$30/night for water and electric hookups.

After you make reservations, email Gail Rucker at [egailrucker@gmail.com](mailto:egailrucker@gmail.com) and tell her your arrival and departure dates and everyone in your party. Also let Gail know which chapter you are in.

**30-Apr 2 Arizona Chapter: Parker, Arizona.** River Island State Park, 5200 N. Highway 95, Parker, AZ 85344.

If you can never get enough camping, then consider this great stop on your way back from our joint rally with the SoCALjourners in Desert Hot Springs, California. It is a "non-rally," no-host get together with your chapter friends. Break up your trip back to Phoenix or other parts of the state by spending some time on the river.

Make your own reservations online through the Arizona State Park website. If you have questions, contact Gail Rucker at [egailrucker@gmail.com](mailto:egailrucker@gmail.com).

## April 2020

**10-12 Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter: Goliad, Texas.** Goliad State Park, 108 Park Road 6, Goliad, TX 77963.

The Roses always have fun at this state park, located on the San Antonio River and complete with a restored Spanish colonial era mission that can be toured. There is plenty to do nearby, including tours of other missions and ruins, museums and other historic sites that give information ranging from local military and ranching history to the story of the King's Road.

After visiting historic sites, you can hike or bike local trails or fish or paddle the San Antonio River. You can borrow fishing gear at the park, and you do not need a fishing license to fish from the shore. To paddle, you will need to provide your own kayak or canoe, but if you put in upstream, the park is a take-out point for the 6.6-mile Goliad Paddling Trail. Birders can visit the Cardinal's Haven Bird Blind or explore nearby loops of the Great Texas Birding Trail.

Make your reservations up to five months in advance at [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/reservations/](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/reservations/) or by phone at 512-389-8900. There is a daily entrance fee of \$2 to \$4 (depending on what pass you have) on top of the camping fees and the park has a dump station.

The Karankawa camping area has full-hookup, pull-through sites (\$25/night) and are toward the

front of the park near the mission. This area also has screened shelters available (\$25/night). Louvered windows surround half the shelter. Tents and small pop-up RVs are allowed outside the shelters. Pets are not allowed inside shelters and must be kept outside on a leash and not left unattended. Shelters include ceiling fan, water, electric, light, fire ring, grill, picnic table inside and outside, restrooms nearby.

The Jacales camping area (\$20/night) includes sites 21 to 26, 32 to 33 and 39 to 44 and sites have 20/30/50-amp electric, water, picnic table, grill and fire ring. This area allows tents and is located near the back of the park by the group hall, which will be used as our rally room.

Your hostesses are Vickie and Barbara Albrecht. Please make your camping reservation and then text Vickie at 512-517-6833 or email [abraustin@gmail.com](mailto:abraustin@gmail.com) to let her know you have reservations or if you have any questions.

**16-19 Arizona Chapter: Cottonwood, Arizona.** Dead Horse Ranch State Park, 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

This rally is in one of the best birding areas in Arizona. In addition to restaurants, wine tasting and shops in nearby Cottonwood, it is also close to historic Jerome, wineries, Sedona, Tuzigoot Ruins and the Verde Valley. There is hiking, a river and three lagoons for fishing.

Make your own reservations online through the Arizona State Park website at [azstateparks.com](http://azstateparks.com) or call 877-697-2527. Try to book the Quail Loop. Cost is \$35/night for water and electric. The park has a dump station, restrooms and showers. Please email Diane Tricomi at [pegberger@aol.com](mailto:pegberger@aol.com) after you make your reservations and give her your site number, days staying and names of attendees.

We are looking for hosts for this rally. If you are interested in volunteering as a host, please contact Gail or Diane Tricomi at [pegberger@aol.com](mailto:pegberger@aol.com).

**23-26 SoCALjourners Chapter: Temecula, California.** Pechanga RV Resort, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92592.

Mark your calendars now for this rally. We will be returning to one of our favorite resorts, located at Pechanga Casino, and we will have use of the large clubhouse.

The registration email will go out to chapter members in February, and the registration deadline is March 15, 2020.

Contact your host, Cheryl Davidovich, at [hrrsround@aol.com](mailto:hrrsround@aol.com) for any questions.

**24-26 Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Woodbine, Maryland.** Ramblin' Pines Campground, 801 Hood Mill Road, Woodbine, MD 21797.

We will kick off our camping season with our "Weekend in the Pines" rally at this beautiful campground. The menu and activities are being finalized, so watch your email for additional information.

# Texas Ramblin' Roses just keep ramblin'

## Texas Ramble: April 20 – May 11

Join the Texas Ramblin' Roses as they take a spring 2020 ramble across Texas, holding rallies at four state parks and two RV parks.

This rally ramble is open to all RVW members. Details on each stop are below. PLEASE NOTE: Individuals are responsible for making all their own reservations and notifying the appropriate host once they have a reservation.

**All state park reservations MUST be made online at [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/reservations/](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/reservations/) and can be made five months ahead.** There is a daily entrance fee that ranges from \$4 to \$8 on top of camping fees. You can buy a \$70 pass which covers entrance fees for a year. Go to [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-information/passes](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-information/passes). State park phone numbers provided below are for information only, NOT reservations.

**April 20–23 Garner State Park, 234 Rural Route 1050, Concan, TX 78838.** Daily entry fee \$8. The Oakmont loop, by the river, is 30 amp and \$26/night. The new Garner Rio Frio loop is 30/50 amp, also \$26/night. Four-person cabins available for \$130 to \$150.

There is birding, hiking, fishing, swimming and kayaking, as well as a camp store and snack bar available.

Make reservations online. Call 830-232-6132 for information. Contact Host Rita Neureuther at 210-383-4099 or [ritaneur@satx.rr.com](mailto:ritaneur@satx.rr.com) once you have a reservation.

We will travel approximately 135 miles on April 24 to our next stop, Seminole Canyon State Park.

**April 24–26 Seminole Canyon State Park, nine miles west of Comstock on U.S. Highway 90, just east of the Pecos River Bridge.** Daily entry fee \$4. This park is a dark skies park. 30 amp is \$20/night.

Activities include the Fate Bell pictograph tour twice each day for \$8. A Saturday tour of White Shaman rock art sites across from the park (make reservations at [Witte-Museum.org](http://Witte-Museum.org) or [RockArt.org](http://RockArt.org)). There is also birding, hiking the canyon rim, exhibits/museum at park headquarters, fishing, and kayaking on the nearby Pecos River.

Make reservations online. Call 432-292-4464 for information. Contact Host Rita Neureuther at 210-383-4099 or [ritaneur@satx.rr.com](mailto:ritaneur@satx.rr.com) once you have a reservation.

We will travel approximately 200 miles on April 27 to our next stop, Davis Mountain State Park.

**April 27–30 Davis Mountains State Park, Texas 118 North, Park Rd 3, Fort Davis, TX 79734.** Daily entry fee \$6. The park has 26 full hookup sites with 30/50 amp plus sewer for \$26/night as well as 34 water/electric 30-amp sites. Indian Lodge hotel rooms are \$115/night.

Area activities include birding, hiking, geocaching and scenic mountain drives. This is a popular birding and snowbird park, so reserve early. There are also programs and tours at McDonald Observatory (make reservations at [mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://mcdonaldobservatory.org), prices range from \$4 to \$12), Chihuahuahua Desert Nature Center (\$6) and the Ft. Davis National Historic Site, an example of a late 1800's frontier military post.

Make reservations online. Call 432-426-3337 for information. Contact Host Rita Neureuther at 210-383-4099 or [ritaneur@satx.rr.com](mailto:ritaneur@satx.rr.com) once you have a reservation.

We will travel approximately 26 miles on May 1 to our next stop in Alpine, Texas.

**May 1–3 Lost Alaskan RV Park, 2401 North Highway 118, Alpine, TX 79830.** Tentative camping prices are 30-amp sites \$34/night, 50-amp sites \$39/night with Good Sam discount. Without Good Sam it is \$3 more.

The area has shopping, dining and art galleries. This is a gateway to Big Bend National Park, and the town features the Museum of the Big Bend as well as Theater of the Big Bend.

For reservations, call the park at 432-837-1136 after January 1. Hosts are Rita Neureuther, Donna Campbell and Bettye Henderson. Contact Rita at 210-383-4099 or [ritaneur@satx.rr.com](mailto:ritaneur@satx.rr.com) once you have a reservation.

We will travel 264 miles on May 4 to our next stop at South Llano State Park. This is a long stretch, so you may want to find an overnight stop. One possibility is Caverns of Sonora. It is on I-10, 60 miles west of Junction. They have RV sites and offer tours of the amazing cave.

**May 4–8 South Llano River State Park, 1927 Park Road 73, Junction, TX 76849.** Daily entry fee \$5. The park has 58 sites with 30 amp electric and water only for \$20/night.

This is another dark sky park. Birding is very popular here with four blinds available. There is also fishing on the river and in a small lake as well as hiking, tubing (the park rents tubes), kayaking (rent at park or outfitters rentals in town) and geocaching.

Make reservations online. Call 325-446-3994 for information. Contact Host Rita Neureuther at 210-383-4099 or [ritaneur@satx.rr.com](mailto:ritaneur@satx.rr.com) once you have a reservation.

We will travel approximately 85 miles on May 8 to our final stop in Bandera, Texas.

**May 8–11 Skyline Ranch RV Park & Cabins, 2231 Highway 16 North, Bandera, TX 78003.** Our final stop is a park we love! The rally rate is \$32/night and includes 30/50-amp full hookups. They also have a bunkhouse (no bathroom attached) for \$75/night and a cabin at \$120/night. Cabins and motels are also available in nearby Bandera.

The park has a great rally room and has recently updated with satellite TV and improved Wi-Fi. There is also a river on site for kayaking and nature walks. This is the hill country and there is lots to do. Bandera has a Frontier Times Museum, a Natural History Museum, plus lots of shops, several restaurants and a winery, as well as a grocery store. The Apple Orchard Store and Bistro and the Love Creek Orchards Cider Mill are both located nearby in Medina. Also nearby is the Camp Verde Store and Restaurant as well as Lost Maples State Park which is 45 miles away. There are also quilting stores in Bandera and Medina.

Make reservations by calling the park at 800-267-1402 or 830-796-4958. Your hosts are Rita Neureuther and Brenda McPherson. Contact Rita at 210-383-4099 or [ritaneur@satx.rr.com](mailto:ritaneur@satx.rr.com) once you have a reservation

There is a \$15 rally fee for this event. For reservations, call Ramblin' Pines Campground at 410-795-5161. When you call, let them know you are with RVW. Reservations need to be made by March 15. Discounts for AARP, AAA and Good Sam are offered – but they give our group a reduced rate which is better. For more information about this campground, visit [ramblinpinescampground.com](http://ramblinpinescampground.com). There are other groups that reserve for this weekend also, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Kathy Healy and Sandy Bosley are the rally hosts for this event. For rally information, email [foldedladies@comcast.net](mailto:foldedladies@comcast.net) or call/text Kathy at 410-967-9260 or Sandy at 410-967-9261.

## May 2020

**7–10 SoCALjourners Chapter: Yucaipa, California.** Yucaipa Regional Park, 33900 Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

Make your reservations now for this 2020 rally. The park offers fishing, hiking and disc golf. There will also be time for just relaxing.

As soon as you make your reservations, let your host Cheryl Davidovich know by emailing her at [hrsnround@aol.com](mailto:hrsnround@aol.com) and be sure to tell her your site number. You can also contact her for questions.

**14–17 Florida Chapter: Clermont, Florida.** Lake Magic RV Resort, 9600 Highway 192 West, Clermont, FL 34714.

Located on beautiful Lake Davenport in central Florida, this resort is approximately six miles from Disney World and just a short drive away from the best attractions, including thrilling theme parks, golf clubs, shops and restaurants.

Rally rates are \$46/night for elite sites; \$42/night for premium sites and \$35/night for standard sites. Amenities available include a clubhouse, fishing and kayaking on the lake, two pools, pickleball, and Wi-Fi. Check in at noon, check out at 11 a.m. You can see more information and a resort map at [rvonthego.com/florida/lake-magic-rv-resort/](http://rvonthego.com/florida/lake-magic-rv-resort/). Call the resort at 863-420-1300 to make a reservation. Say you are with the RVing Women rally when calling for a reservation. Please remember to RSVP on the RVW website.

Hosts for this rally are Bev Smethurst and Trish Carn. Call Bev at 941-524-1261 or you can call Trish at 941-504-7085 or via email at [carnt@bellsouth.net](mailto:carnt@bellsouth.net) if you have questions. The host site will be # 841.

**14–17 Lyte Hearts Chapter: Fairmont, Minnesota.** Flying Goose Campground, 2521 115th Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Polly and Janna will be hosting our spring event at the Flying Goose Campground located on Lake Imogene in Fairmont, Minnesota. You can check

out the campground and many of its activities at [flyinggoosecampground.com](http://flyinggoosecampground.com).

You need to reserve a spot by emailing Greg at [info@flyinggoosecampground.com](mailto:info@flyinggoosecampground.com) or by calling 507-235-3458. Be sure to tell them you are with the Lyte Hearts RVing Women group. Once your reservation has been made, you need to email Polly at [sendai50@yahoo.com](mailto:sendai50@yahoo.com) to let her know you will be attending. You can also contact her if you have questions.

**14–18 Arizona Chapter: St. Johns, Arizona.** Lyman Lake State Park, 11 U.S. 180, St. Johns, AZ 85936.

This the first stop of our mini-rolling rally. Enjoy hiking, petroglyph trails, birding, and a 50-acre lake perfect for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. You can also visit nearby St. Johns or Springerville.

Make your reservations at [azstateparks.com](http://azstateparks.com) or call 877-697-2527. Cost for water/electric/sewer is \$30/night; water/electric is \$25/night and dry camping is \$20/night. Please email Gail Rucker at [egailrucker@gmail.com](mailto:egailrucker@gmail.com) after you make your reservations and give her your site number, days you are staying and names of attendees. Co-hosting with Gail will be Kat Huggins and Marilyn Teresi.

**18–21 Arizona Chapter: Winslow, Arizona.** Homolovi Ruins State Park on U.S. Highway 87 just north of I-40, exit 257 near Winslow, AZ 86047.

This is the second stop of our mini-rolling rally. If you enjoy archaeology and petroglyphs, this is the rally for you! During this Monday to Thursday rally you can enjoy hiking, birding, a ranger guided tour of the Homolovi II ruins, a guided tour at Rock Art Ranch (best-preserved ancient petroglyphs in the world) and visit historic Winslow, Arizona.

Make your reservations online through the Arizona State Park website at [azstateparks.com](http://azstateparks.com) or call 877-697-2527. Cost for water/electric 30 amp is \$25/night; 50 amp is \$30/night and dry camping is \$18/night. As soon as you make your reservations, please email Gail Rucker at [egailrucker@gmail.com](mailto:egailrucker@gmail.com), and give her your site number, days you are staying and names of attendees.

Co-hosting with Gail for this rally will be Kat Huggins and Teresa Dlouhy.

**21–24 Arizona Chapter: Page, Arizona.** Page Lake Powell Campground, 849 S. Coppermine Rd., Page, AZ 86040.

Join us in Northern Arizona as we go on a guided tour to Go Down Under at Antelope Canyon (both Lower and Upper), visit Horseshoe Bend, take a four-hour Antelope Canyon kayak tour and so much more.

Contact your rally host, Madeline Borthick, at [trndir@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trndir@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in attending this rally and she will provide you with information on payments, etc.

**24-29 Arizona Chapter: Fredonia, Arizona.** Kaibab Camper Village, Forest Service Rd. 461, Fredonia, AZ 86022.

The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is an unknown, and less crowded, jewel. Only 10 percent of the 5 million annual visitors to the Grand Canyon come to the North Rim. Wildlife and pristine natural environments abound. Note that the North Rim is at 8,000 feet elevation, which may cause difficulties for those with respiratory or heart problems.

We will be staying at the Kaibab Camper Village for \$40/night with full hookups. Contact your host, Madeline Borthick, at trndir@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in attending this rally and she will give you reservation information.

**26-29 Ohio River Valley Chapter: Fort Wayne, Indiana.** Johnny Applesed Campground and Park, 1600 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Join us for this Tuesday-Friday rally in north-eastern Indiana. Fort Wayne is a lovely city at the confluence of three rivers. The new Promenade Park on the riverfront has activities including kayak rentals and a riverboat cruise. In addition, the park system includes more than 100 miles of biking and hiking trails. We will also have our social hour on Tuesday evening, a potluck dinner, and one dinner at a local restaurant.

The Fort Wayne Genealogy Center is second only to the genealogy center in Salt Lake City. If you are working on your family tree, this is a great primary source of information. Other excursions may include the botanical gardens, the Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Auto Museum, the Black Pine Animal Sanctuary or the Windmill Museum. There are several letterboxes in the area, if you enjoy looking for those.

To make reservations, call the campground at 260-427-6000 AFTER January 2, 2020. Tell them you are with RVing Women. They are holding 10 sites for us. Amenities include water, 30 and 50/amp electric, dump station, a clean and locked restroom and shower facility, and a boat ramp. Camping rates are \$22 per night.

After making your reservations, please register on the RVW website. For further information, call or text Kathy Isenhour at 317-372-0680, or email kisenhour51@gmail.com. There is a rally fee of \$10 per person to defray costs.

**28-31 Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.** Old Mill Stream Campground, 2249 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA 17602.

What better way to start the “unofficial start of summer” than by camping Friday through Sunday with friends at our Lancaster Summer Get Together. Lancaster has plenty of activities, including shopping. Whether you like visiting the outlets or buying local, homemade items like bread, jams, quilts and apple cider, you can find it all in Lancaster. And you can’t forget the local wineries and breweries. For those liking a little more activity, you can try golf or even a hot air balloon ride.

The campground is requiring RVW reservations be made by one group member who will assign the available full hookup or water/electric RV sites. To reserve a site, please contact our group member, Lee Ensor at 717-891-9644 or email her at meg.taylor.taylor@gmail.com. Please make your reservations with Lee by May 12, 2020. After that date, any unassigned RV sites have to be returned to the campground.

There is a \$15 fee for this rally. For more information or questions, contact your host Nancy E. Davis at nanedav@aol.com or call or text her at 609-233-5541.

June 2020

**4-7 SoCALjourners Chapter: Anaheim, California.** Canyon RV Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon, Anaheim, CA 92808.

This is a KISS (Keep It Simple SoCALjourners) event. It will be \$150 for three nights.

You need to register through SoCALjourners and your host. If you want to attend, send your host, Cheryl Davidovich, an email at hrsnround@aol.com and she will send you a registration form. You can also contact her if you have questions.

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**11–14 Florida Chapter: Punta Gorda, Florida.** Creekside RV Resort, 27005 Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982.

Join us for this “Celebrate the Summer Olympics Rally.” Our themed meals, happy hours, games and educational events will prepare us for the 2020 Summer Olympics taking place later in Tokyo, Japan. We will also enjoy this brand-new Florida RV Resort and gated community located in this charming, waterside town. Punta Gorda rests on Charlotte Harbor, a gateway to the Gulf of Mexico, and is just a short jaunt to Fort Myers, Sarasota and Naples and just an hour away from five major Gulf of Mexico beaches. Its outdoor recreation area includes a spa, pool, and a private, sandy beach overlooking the lake. Attendees will be able to play water volleyball, pickleball, bocce ball, horseshoes or shuffleboard. Indoor activities at the clubhouse or pavilion may include chair volleyball, billiards, board games, ukulele or other group sessions and a potluck. There will be opportunities for nature hiking in local parks and wildlife centers and bicycling. Kayaks can be launched at the resort or nearby public launches.

Rally rate is \$40/night or \$50/night for waterside sites. Sites have a paver driveway, patio, 30/50-amp service, city water and sewer and Wi-Fi. For reservations, call the resort at 941-833-3334. Tell them you are attending the Florida RVW Rally June 11 to 14 and ask for Elise. This resort allows our rally attendees to stay a maximum of 10 nights at the rally rate. So, you can front-end and/or back-end the rally to extend your stay at Creekside at the rally rate.

Hosts will be Pat Setser (psetser@sbcglobal.net) and Ruth Russell (russellr@indiana.edu). After you have made reservations, please email Pat or Ruth to let them know you are planning to attend and also use the online RSVP on the RVW website. This will help us have a head count for the rally.

**25–28 Ohio River Valley Chapter: Marshall, Illinois.** Lincoln Trail State Park, 16985 East 1350th Road (Route 1), Marshall, IL 62441.

BIG things in a small town and Walldog murals are among the sights to see in this area near Casey, Illinois. Other activities may include canoeing, fishing, kayaking, hiking and biking at the state park. A golf course is nearby. There are shops and cafes to visit in nearby small towns. We will have a potluck one night and another night have a group dinner at the lake-side restaurant in the park. Thursday night will be a meet and greet with snacks and a campfire.

We will be camping at Lincoln Trail State Park. Sites 35 to 39, 49 to 53, and 90 to 105 are the sites we selected for the rally. They have 30/50 amps. Reserve your site through [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com) after January 25, 2020. Please remember to RSVP on the RVW event website.

Rally host is Anita Kessinger. Email her at [asuekessinger@gmail.com](mailto:asuekessinger@gmail.com) for more information and to confirm your attendance.

## July 2020

**14–17 Lyte Hearts Chapter: Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota.** William O’Brien State Park, Highway 95 at 19074 St. Croix Trail North, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047. GPS coordinates are 45 13.521/-92 45.

Please join your host, Sharon Hagen, for a relaxing Tuesday through Friday campout at William O’Brien State Park. The park offers wooded campsites on the shore of the St. Croix River, 12 miles north of Stillwater, Minnesota. Full park information is on the William O’Brien State Park website. You can hike or bike the park trails, visit the nearby Interstate Park for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail on the Wisconsin side or see glacier potholes on the Minnesota side.

Make reservations soon, as sites fill up quickly. Sharon will be at site 6-E starting July 13. Come early or stay later to enjoy all the activities the area has to offer. Sites with an E are electric sites. Make your reservations online at [dnr.state.mn.us](http://dnr.state.mn.us) or call 866-857-2757. A Minnesota state park yearly or daily permit is required at the park office when you check in. A park permit will allow you to enter any Minnesota state park. As soon as you make your reservation, email Sharon at [tokigkat@att.net](mailto:tokigkat@att.net) with your site number and campers first and last names, phone number and type of rig. Also, RSVP to the event on the RVW website.

More information for the campout will be emailed to attendees closer to the event. Contact Sharon with any questions.

**16–20 Great Lakers Chapter: Cedarville, Michigan.** Loons Point RV Park and Campground, 1332 East M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Located on Michigan’s Upper Peninsula on the shores of Lake Huron, Loons Point is in the middle of the beautiful Les Cheneaux Islands, a 36-island archipelago along 12 miles of Lake Huron shoreline.

Planned activities include a tour of the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, an engineering marvel. We will have a meet and greet the first day and a pancake hitch ‘em up breakfast on the last. We will be kayaking, so bring your kayak or you can rent one from the RV park. In addition, we will also be tie-dyeing, so bring a T-shirt, pillowcases, or something else that is white cotton and washed. If you like to fish, you won’t be disappointed. There is a boat building as well as a culinary school in Cedarville. There are a number of small museums and quaint shops in the area. The local golf course, established in 1989, is the oldest continuously operated links course in Michigan. This area is a great place for bird watching too.

Come to the rally and stay awhile to enjoy all that the Upper Peninsula has to offer.

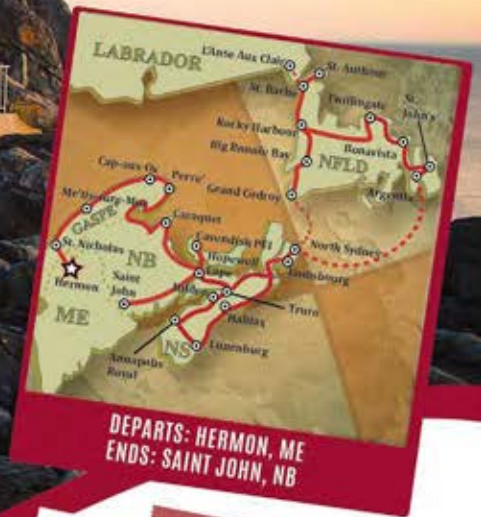
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are also open to the public that will likely fill up as the summer approaches. Loons Point will hold our 10 slots until May 1, 2020.

Reservations require a one-night deposit that is non-refundable after May 1. When making your reservation, ask about their cancellation policy. Water/electric sites are \$32/night and \$38/night if they include sewer. Any available waterfront sites are \$43/night. Call the park at 906-484-2881 for reservations and mention RVing Women's rally.

Contact your hosts, René Gray at 210-488-5249 or Pat Reader at 334-538-0571 if you have questions. Once you've made your reservations, please email René at kixs4@mail.com so we can keep you informed about the rally.

**17-19 *Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Woodbine, Maryland.*** Ramblin' Pines Campground, 801 Hood Mill Road, Woodbine, MD 21797.

In previous years, this was our crab feast weekend rally. It has just gotten too big for us to handle. We will supply the restaurant's name, address, and phone number for you to order your own seafood if you would like. We will still have the lodge available and can have a communal dinner Saturday night.

Call the campground at 410-795-5161 for reservations. There is a \$1 per member/attendee fee for this rally. For more information or questions, contact your hosts Kathy Healy or Sandy Bosley at foldedladies@comcast.net or call or text Kathy at 410-967-9260 or Sandy at 410-967-9261.

## August 2020

**13-15 *Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Bear, Delaware.*** Lums Pond State Park, 1068 Howell School Road, Bear, DE 19701.

This is an informal rally set in northern Delaware. There is a \$1 per member/attendee fee for this rally. For more information or questions, contact the rally host, Patti Burke, at pburke301@comcast.net or call her at 703-505-8634 or 302-368-6989.

You will need to make your reservation through the [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com) website.

**27-30 *Florida Chapter: Ft. Pierce, Florida.*** Treasure Coast RV Resort, 2550 Crossroads Parkway, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945.

This fenced and gated resort is located within one-mile of both I-95 and the Florida Turnpike, providing easy access and convenience with the tranquility of a small fishing lake on the property. It is close to Jetty and the Navy Seal Museum. The resort has concrete parking pads, 30/50-amp electric on all sites and free Wi-Fi and cable TV. There is a swimming pool, hot tub, laundry room, showers and the clubhouse has billiard and ping pong tables. There is a two-dog limit.

Call 772-468-2099 to make a reservation. Be sure to let them know you are with RVing Women. You can check in at 1 p.m. and must check out by

11 a.m. Cancellations must be made at least seven days before the rally starts. Please remember to RSVP on the RVW website.

Rally hosts are Vivien Hamelin and Laura Holewa. Call Laura at 561-543-7506 or email her at [laurahope20@gmail.com](mailto:laurahope20@gmail.com) with any questions.

## September 2020

**11-13 *Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Williamsburg, Virginia.*** American Heritage RV Park, 146 Maxton Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

We are planning some fun things to do at this rally, possibly an evening ghost tour and private walking tour of Jamestown. A full schedule will be available in August. The campground also offers ticket discounts to most attractions in the area. We have reserved the Colonial Room for activities and meals, which will include potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday nights. Our hosts will provide the main dish and local barbecue will be featured Friday night. We will also provide pastries, coffee and juice each morning. The Colonial room has a fireplace, lots of tables and electrical outlets, a sink and microwave.

Reservations should be made directly to the campground by calling 888-530-2267 or 757-566-2133. Be sure to tell them you are with RVing Women, Mid-Atlantic Chapter. We are reserving sites in the upper 40's through 68. The campground will take one night's reservation fee and does NOT give you a specific site at the time of the reservation.

Please let your hosts, Kathi and Kim Miller, know that you have reserved your space and the dates you are staying. They can be reached at [kathiandkim@gmail.com](mailto:kathiandkim@gmail.com).

**13-20 *National RVing Women: Sarasota, Florida.*** Sun-N-Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34240.

Mark your calendars now for the 24th annual RVW National Convention. Not only will there be amazing entertainment and learning opportunities, but our location is an award-winning luxury resort, widely recognized as one of the premier RV resorts in the world. So when you're not busy with convention activities, you can take advantage of resort amenities that include a mega-slide, an indoor fitness pool and wellness center, an Olympic-size outdoor heated pool, and two bark parks. To see a map of the resort go to [tinyurl.com/RVW2020conventionsite](http://tinyurl.com/RVW2020conventionsite).

The resort offers both RV sites and short-term rentals (one- and two-bedroom units) for those who might wish to fly in. The RV sites have full hookups with both 30 and 50/amp electrical service on grass or crushed shell sites. The resort has both pull-through and back-ins available with a maximum length of 45 feet.

Local Sarasota area attractions you can visit include historic Spanish Point and the Ringling Museum, as well as Jungle Gardens, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Big Cat Habitat and St. Armand's Circle. Just a short drive away is Busch Gardens Tampa, Adventure Island and the Florida Aquarium.

DO NOT CALL THE RESORT FOR RESERVATIONS. Reservations will be made through RVW beginning in the spring of 2020.

**17-21 Arizona Chapter: Tombstone, Arizona.** Tombstone RV Park and Campground, 1475 Hwy 80, Tombstone, AZ 85638.

Join us in "the town too tough to die," as we explore the historic Boothill Graveyard, watch the gunfights at the OK Corral, tour the infamous Bird Cage Theatre and so much more. You can also visit Bisbee, just 25 miles from Tombstone and tour the Copper Queen Mine (cost \$13), enjoy unique shopping, visit breweries and restaurants and more. A few miles southeast of Bisbee is Lowell, where you are taken back in time as you stroll down Erie Street.

Make your reservation by calling the resort at 520-457-3829. Tell them you are with RVing Women. A credit card is required to hold your reservation. Cost is \$36/night for full hookups (water, electric and sewer). We will also have the use of the rec room.

As soon as you make reservations, please email Gail Rucker at [egailrucker@gmail.com](mailto:egailrucker@gmail.com), with your reservation dates, name(s) of those attending and your site number, if available.

**21-25 Arizona Chapter: Silver City, New Mexico.** Burro Mountain Homestead RV Park, 665 Tyrone Road, Silver City, NM 88061.

This historical RV park and lodge was a favorite stop during our spring rolling rally, so we are returning! Located 10 miles south of Silver City, Burro Mountain Homestead Ranch and Stage Stop were built on the current homestead property in 1882. You can hike to the Continental Divide Trail, enjoy two game rooms, visit the on-site museum, or go into Silver City to shop at the artist market or see their museum.

Make your reservation by calling the resort at 575-538-2149. Tell them you are with RVing Women. A credit card is required to hold your reservation. You can make a deposit or pay in full. Cost is \$25/night for full hookups (water, electric and sewer). We will have the use of two rec rooms, a covered corral that includes a campfire and grills and so much more.

As soon as you make reservations, please email Gail Rucker at [egailrucker@gmail.com](mailto:egailrucker@gmail.com), with your reservation dates, name(s) of those attending and your site number, if available. If you would like to co-host, let Gail know.

## October 2020

**15-18 Florida Chapter: Okeechobee, Florida.** Okeechobee KOA, 4276 U.S. Highway 441 South, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

This resort is a tropical vacation campground featuring a palm-fringed 9-hole golf course, driving range and putting green. Nearby Lake Okeechobee, known as Florida's Inland Sea and referred to as the "Big O," is the largest freshwater lake in Florida and offers the best boating and fishing in the area. You can play tennis or pickleball, hike the Big O Trail, soak in one of the three pools or visit the fully equipped fitness center for a great workout.

Call the resort at 863-763-0231 to make a reservation and make sure you say you are with RVing Women. Remember to RSVP on the RVW website.

Rally hosts are Lynda Cargile and Linda Egan. Please e-mail Linda at [linda.egan@verizon.net](mailto:linda.egan@verizon.net) or call her at 863-370-3124 for more information.

## November 2020

**5-8 Florida Chapter: Seffner, Florida.** Lazydays RV Resort, 6210 County Road 579, Seffner, FL 33584.

This resort is an RVer's paradise with a screened and heated pool with hot tub, 50-amp hookups, complimentary Wi-Fi and cable TV. They provide propane delivery to the campsite on Thursday afternoons (\$5 fee plus cost of propane), and RV detailing and carpet cleaning (for an additional fee). They also have various RV life seminars and golf cart rentals (for additional fee).

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For dog owners, there is a doggie obstacle course and off-leash areas as well as a dog-wash station. There are basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. They also provide access to the nation's Largest RV service center (advance appointment required), and trolley service from the campground to the RV service center and RV supply store.

For reservations, call the resort at 800-306-4002. Tell them you are with RVing Women and then RSVP on the RVW website.

Rally hosts are Marty Loomis and Chris Shelgar. Please call Marty at 941-882-2430 with any questions.

**12-15 Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.** Old Mill Stream Campground, 2249 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Those who have previously been to the Lancaster rallies know what a great campground and heated pavilion there is for our meals and activities. Whether you enjoy shopping at the various farmer's markets and outlets or just viewing the Amish farmers tending their fields, all are within a short drive from the campground. There also are many attractions 45-minutes away in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Lee Ensor and Meg Taylor are the rally hosts for this pre-Thanksgiving rally. Campground reservations and registration questions should be directed to Lee at 717-891-9644 or email her at [megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com). The campground is requiring RVW reservations be made only by one group member who will then assign the available RV full hookup/cable campsites. Make reservations by October 15. Unassigned campsites will be released back to Old Mill Stream Campground after that date. There is a \$15 rally fee for this event

## December 2020

**9-13 Florida Chapter: North Fort Myers, Florida.** Upriver RV Resort, 17021 Upriver Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33917.

This resort is nestled along the semi-salt Caloosahatchee River in Fort Myers, Florida. The waters are home to manatee, several species of fish and many birds. There are waterfront RV sites right on the Caloosahatchee River, which is the region's intracoastal waterway connecting Lake Okeechobee to Charlotte Harbor on Pine Island Sound. There is access by boat to the Gulf of Mexico, the beautiful Sanibel and Captiva Islands, and Fort Myers Beach.

Resort amenities include pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, horseshoes, bocce ball, corn hole, pool tables, a lap pool, jetted pool and fitness room. RV site rates include Wi-Fi, daily garbage pick up and sales tax. Rally rate is \$37/night with 30 and 50-amp electrical and water/sewer service. For reservations call 239-301-3551. Tell them you are with the RVing Women rally when calling for reservations. Please remember to RSVP on the RVW website.

Rally hosts are Michael Gruccio, Gypsy Gaeta, Sherry Lohr and Mary McDonough. For more information, contact Michael Gruccio at 954-804-9355, or by email at [mgruccio01@bellsouth.net](mailto:mgruccio01@bellsouth.net), or Gypsy Gaeta at 941-228-7690, or [caralfa@verizon.net](mailto:caralfa@verizon.net).

## Send the magazine your rally info

Chapter leaders can send in rally information to have it posted in the Calendar of Events and on the website.

Be sure to use the **Chapter Rally Event Form** that is on the website. To get the form, go to *Members Only > Chapters > Chapter Leaders Only*. Then click on **Add or Correct an Event to the Calendar** and fill it out.

## Lyte Hearts Chapter

The Lyte Hearts Chapter meets twice a month. One of the meetings is at Maria's Cafe, 1113 East Franklin, Minneapolis MN 55404 at 9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (except September).

The second meeting is at The Norske Nook Restaurant and Bakery, corner of Main and Holum, DeForest, WI 53532 at 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month (except November).

For more information, you can email your questions to Pat Dix at [patadix@aol.com](mailto:patadix@aol.com) or you can call her at 612-791-7728.

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## Overnight Parking Etiquette

# RVER'S GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

### Dear Fellow RVers,

The Good Neighbor Policy was created in the early 90s by Escapees RV Club. Since then, it has become the industry standard code of conduct for overnight parking. We hope that the Good Neighbor Policy serves as a reminder that RVers must be respectful of the communities they visit.

Some of the most respected RV consumer clubs have joined Escapees to support your privilege to park on private businesses' property overnight under the following code of conduct:

### Industry-sanctioned Code of Conduct (RVers' Good Neighbor Policy)

1. Stay one night only!

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2. Obtain permission from a qualified individual.

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3. Obey posted regulations.

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4. No awnings, chairs or barbecue grills.

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5. Do not use hydraulic jacks on soft surfaces (including asphalt).

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6. Always leave an area cleaner than you found it.

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7. Purchase gas, food or supplies as a form of thank you, when feasible.

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8. Be safe! Always be aware of your surroundings and leave if you feel unsafe.

If your plans include touring the area, staying for more than one night, or necessitate conduct not within the code, please relocate to a local campground. It's the right thing to do!

Most of the complaints lodged regarding RV parking on business parking lots have to do with aesthetics and perceived abuse of the privilege. There are a variety of competing interests that were balanced to arrive at this industry-sanctioned code of conduct. As you can see, the code of conduct is nothing more than an RVers' "Good Neighbor" policy.

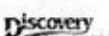
Not following the code has serious consequences and is detrimental to the rights of all RVers. Already, some municipalities have passed ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property overnight.

Please do not take offense to this letter; it is only provided as a reminder that RVers must be perceived as good neighbors or there will be more pressure to institute state, county and local ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property.

We wish you safe and happy travels,

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# Recalls

All recalls involve the dealer or manufacturer contacting the owner and then repairing or replacing problem components free of charge. Contact your dealer for more information.

## Emergency exit not marked

**Keystone RV Company** —Cougar (2020)

**Defect:** The emergency exit windows over the dinette table in the cabin are missing a red handle and “EXIT” label. If an emergency event occurs, trailer occupants may not be aware of the emergency exit function of the window, increasing the risk of an injury. **Remedy:** Dealers will replace the existing black exit handles with red handles and add an “EXIT” label. Keystone customer service: 866-425-4369.

## Inverter may cause fire

**Airstream, Inc.** —International Serenity (2016-2017), International Signature (2016), Flying Cloud (2016)

**Defect:** The vertically-mounted inverter may contact the floor-mounted inverter fuse. If the two components touch, an electrical short may occur, increasing the risk of a fire. **Remedy:** Dealers will inspect the location of the inverter and inverter fuse. If the inverter and inverter fuse are not mounted on the same surface, the inverter fuse will be relocated, and secured to the same surface as the inverter. In addition, a protective cover will be installed on the inverter fuse bar. Airstream customer service: 877-596-6505 or 937-596-6111.

## Sprinter hood may open unexpectedly

**Daimler Vans USA, LLC** —Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner Sprinter (2018-2019)

**Defect:** The screw connection on the upper hood catch may have been improperly tightened. As a result, the hood may open while the vehicle is being driven, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will inspect the screw connection, tightening it as necessary. Daimler customer service: 877-762-8267.

## Short circuit can cause fire, brake failure

**Forest River, Inc.** —Sabre (2019-2020)

**Defect:** The rotating pin box may come into contact with



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the 7-way junction box/wiring and cause an electrical short circuit which can increase the risk of a fire or cause unexpected brake failure, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will relocate the 7-way and junction box to a location that allows movement when the pin box is pivoting. Forest River customer service: 574-642-2100.

## Upper bunkbed may fall

**Heartland RV, Cruiser RV** —Milestone, Southfork (2020)

**Defect:** The wood backers for bunk supports were not installed on the slide out bunk end walls during manufacturing, possibly allowing the upper bunk bed to fall, increasing the risk of an injury. **Remedy:** Dealers will install wood backers to secure the bunk bed. Heartland customer service: 877-262-8032, Cruiser customer service: 574-206-7920.

## Solar preparation wiring may be wrong

**Keystone RV Company** —Cougar (2020)

**Defect:** The solar preparation kit wiring may have been incorrectly wired to the wrong side of the 12V breaker increasing the risk of a fire. **Remedy:** Dealers will inspect and correct the installation of the solar preparation wiring, as necessary. Keystone customer service: 866-425-4369.

## Awning may extend unexpectedly

**Pleasure Way Industries Ltd.** —Plateau, Plateau XL, Ascent and Lexor (2018-2020)

**Defect:** The Fiamma F45 Eagle or Fiamma F65 Eagle awning drive mechanism may fail causing the awning to extend unexpectedly without input from the user increasing the risk of injury or a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will install straps to keep the awning closed, as a temporary solution until Fiamma provides a permanent solution. Pleasure Way customer service: 800-364-0189.

## Rear axle shaft may fail

**Ford Motor Company** —F-250, F-350 (2019)

**Defect:** The passenger side rear axle shaft may fail prematurely due to a material issue resulting in a loss of drive power and the inability to hold the vehicle still when in Park, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will inspect the passenger side rear axle shaft, replacing it as necessary. Ford customer service: 866-436-7332.

To check on recalls, go to [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov) and enter your vehicle's VIN



## Storage compartment door may open

**Winnebago Industries, Inc.** —Forza (2018-2019)

**Defect:** The exterior storage compartment door may unexpectedly open while the vehicle is in motion increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will install a new latch and the catch will be inspected and aligned and readjusted if necessary. Winnebago customer service: 641-585-6939.

## Breakaway switch may not work

**Jayco, Inc. and Keystone RV Co.** —White Hawk (2019-2020), Crossroads Hampton and Sunset (2020)

**Defect:** The breakaway switch may have been incorrectly wired, causing the trailer brakes to not function if the trailer separates from the tow vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will inspect the breakaway switch, rewiring it as necessary. Jayco customer service: 800-517-9137, Keystone customer service: 866-425-4369.

## AC connection may overheat

**Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC** —Bighorn Traveler (2017), Elkridge, Elkridge EX (2016-2020), Milestone (2019-2020), North Peak (2017-2018), Oakmont (2016-2017), Pioneer FW (2017-2020), Prowler FW (2016-2018), Sundance and Sundance XLTFW(2017-2019)

**Defect:** The A/C electrical connector may have been improperly installed, possibly causing increased electrical resistance and the connection to overheat, increasing the

risk of a fire. **Remedy:** Dealers will correct the electrical connections. Heartland customer service: 877-262-8032.

## Rear air deflector may detach

**REV Recreation Group** —American Coach American Eagle (2016-2019), American Heritage (2016)

**Defect:** The factory installed rear air deflector may have screws that may loosen resulting in it detaching from the motorhome, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will properly secure the rear air deflector to the fiberglass cap with rivets. REV customer service: 800-509-3417.

## Incorrect GVWR placard label

**Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.** —Serro Scotty (2017)

**Defect:** The federal placard label indicates an incorrect Gross Vehicle Weight Rating which may result in the trailer being overloaded, increasing the risk of a crash. **Remedy:** Dealers will replace the label. Gulf Stream customer service: 800-289-8787.

## Hydraulic lines could melt

**Jayco, Inc.** —Precept (2014-2018), Alante (2016-2017)

**Defect:** The hydraulic lines may be too close to the exhaust without a heat shield causing them to melt, resulting in loss of braking. **Remedy:** Dealers will inspect and correct the hydraulic line routing and install a heat shield. Jayco customer service: 800-517-9137.

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To make a contribution, go to [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org) and click on *Members Only > Community > Open Road Donations*, fill out the form and choose method of payment or mail the form below to RVW, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-4074. You can also fax it to 480-671-6230.

2018 contributors were recognized in the March/April RVW magazine. For all individuals, households and chapters contributing to the Open Road program, we thank you for your support.

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Provide women RVers, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or financial status, a supportive network and the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner.

## Vision:

A premier organization for women interested in the RVing lifestyle.

## We Value:

- Diversity of our members.
- Integrity and respect.
- The abilities, skills and resources of each member.
- The time and efforts of those who provide leadership and support.
- The network provided by our chapter structure.
- Educational opportunities to promote safe RVing.

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RVW national and chapter events are held year-round in every region of the U.S. and in Canada. Wherever you go, RVing Women connects you to members who are interested in RVing and who can offer information, suggest places to see and things to do, and provide assistance when needed. Contact information for RVW chapters is included in each issue of *RVW* magazine and on our website at [rvingwomen.org](http://rvingwomen.org).

RVW sponsors classes for women on safe driving practices and RV maintenance. Some classes are led by RVing Women; others are led by experts and technicians we have contracted.

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Every other month, members receive *RVW*, a magazine offering stories shared by other members, information on technical subjects, a calendar of events and contact information for our chapters. The members-only section of our website includes current and back issues.

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January 25	March/April
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To submit articles related to RVing and chapter news and announcements, email the editor at rvweditor@rvingwomen.org or send to RVW Editor, P.O. Box 1940, Apache Junction AZ 85117-4074.

Articles must be relevant to RVing. The magazine is looking for articles on great places to visit, helpful hints and tips for RVs, interesting things you have learned while RVing, or any topic you feel other women RVers might enjoy or from which they would benefit. Please email the editor at rvweditor@rvingwomen.org if you have questions about a possible topic.

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By Dee Johnson

# Letting serendipity happen



This is the season when many of us take time to review the past 12 months. I carried the tradition a bit further this year. I started early, sometime last spring, interrupted myself, and then started my review process again in September. I had a project in mind, one that was completed only days before this magazine went to print.

With the help of friends, I collected the columns I have written for this magazine and loaded them together for e-book and paperback distribution through Amazon.com.



*“If we are blessed with a smidgen of wisdom, we give up control when our plans don’t work out. We step aside and let serendipity happen.”*

ited a multitude of resolutions and action plans. If I had managed my own dictations more faithfully, I would by now be approaching insufferable perfection.

Thankfully, that didn’t happen. I digressed. Often.

Digress originated as a word some time in the 16th century and is derived from a Latin word meaning to step aside. That is not a bad thing to do.

We all set up plans for our lives. Some of these are short term, a day or two. Others cover five years, a

The formatting was a challenge. When that was done, I reviewed the entire book, all 200-plus pages. Every column I read took me back to places I had been, ideas I had pondered, emotions I had roller-coastered through. I sprinted through 17 years in the space of three or four weeks.

It was a humbling process. I relived times that made me proud, times that filled me with joy, times that gave me hope and times that pulled me into despair. I also revis-

decade, sometimes a lifetime. Often, these plans don’t work out.

That’s the thing about plans. They aren’t definite, assured, guaranteed. Plans are identified as intentions, proposals for achieving something, or decisions made about what one is going to do. No dictionary that I have ever seen identifies a plan as a certainty accomplished.

If we are blessed with a smidgen of wisdom, we give up control when our plans don’t work out. We step aside and let serendipity happen.

It was serendipity that introduced me to Barbara Howard who then introduced me to Diana Campbell who then introduced me to the RVing Women magazine and recruited me to serve as managing editor. Moving in that direction had not been part of my plan, but serendipity happened and I took advantage.

I am grateful for serendipity, for the rewards, some planned and some unexpected, that have enriched my journey. My hope for you is that you also will take advantage when serendipity comes your way. Enjoy!

## Dee’s book is now available on Amazon

Dee Johnson had the happy opportunity in 2002 to begin editing the bi-monthly magazine published by RVing Women. *Traveling with RVW* is a collection of essays spanning the 15-year period of her service as managing editor and going just a year or two beyond when she moved to the back page.

Special thanks go to Gayle Pierce and Dee Evans for their early encouragements and to Dianne Safford, Care DeLeuw and Judy Bozman for their continued support and extra prodding to get this book done.

This book is available in e-book format (\$4.99) and as a paperback (\$10.99) on Amazon.com. Search for *Traveling with RVW* by Dee Johnson. **This collector’s edition, available until mid-December, includes four bonus articles and a typo.**

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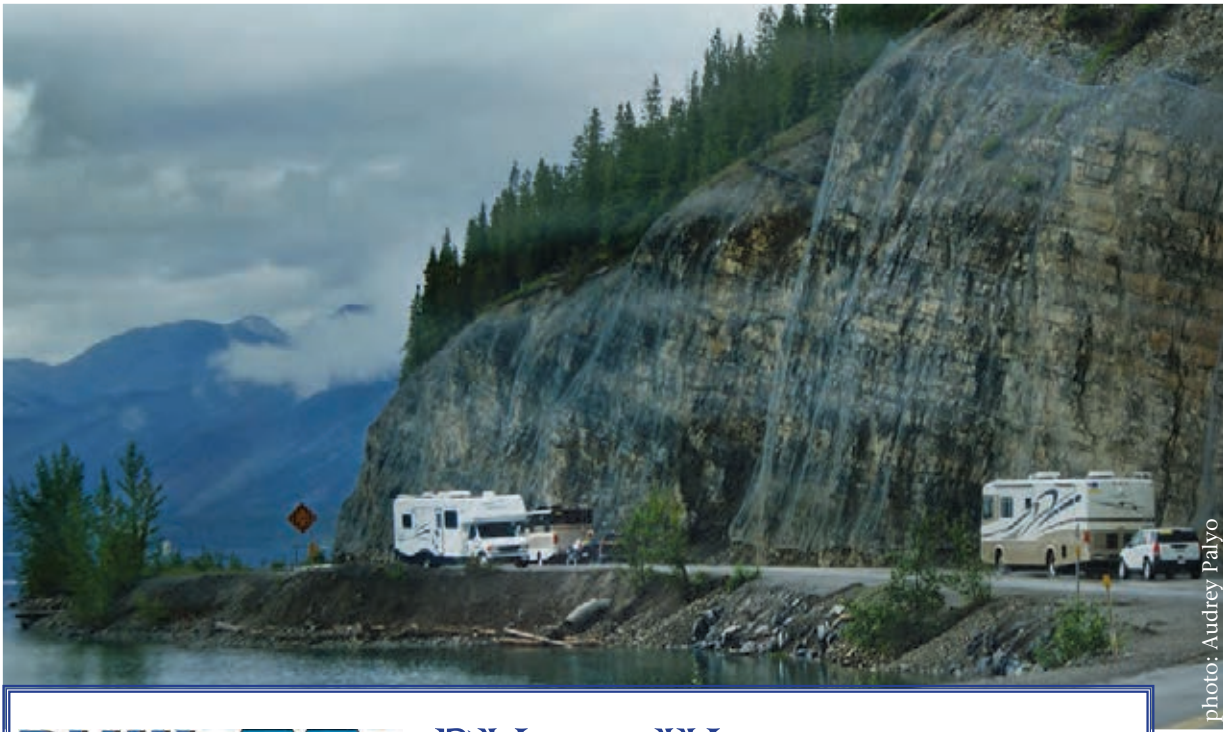


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