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FOR WOMEN WHO LOVE TO RV



RVING WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT



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Mission:

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

Vision:

A premier organization for women interested in the RVing lifestyle.

We Value:

- ☐ Diversity of our members
- ☐ Integrity and respect
- ☐ Abilities, skills, and resources of each member
- ☐ Time and efforts of those who provide leadership and support.
- ☐ Network provided by our chapter structure
- ☐ Educational opportunities to promote safe RVing

RVing Women (RVW) is a nonprofit 501(c)(7) corporation organized and operated exclusively for social, recreational and educational purposes. The Board of Directors of RVing Women is guided by our Mission and Vision in defining our goals.

Adopted: 01/14/2022
Revised: 01/14/2023

2024 GOALS

GOAL: to increase organizational growth and stability.

#1 Develop ways in which we can involve more members in national committees to provide a leadership track to get more members interested in running for the board:

- Increase the number of members who volunteer at chapter, committee and national board levels
- Encourage members to attend board meetings
- Encourage chapter leaders and members to reach out to the board
- Develop a mentor and team building program within the chapters
- Recruit at least five volunteers for each standing committee
- Re-evaluate the purpose and structure of standing committees

#2 Continue to grow communications between membership and leadership:

- Continue monthly Fireside Chats and New Member Orientation
- Provide board meeting "new business" agendas to members seven days prior to the board meeting and solicit comments/input on the agenda items
- Continue E-News and Info Blasts as necessary

#3 Maintain a balanced budget:

- Plan and provide a minimum of two National Events in 2024
- Increase the number of sustaining donors in the Open Road Program
- Exceed \$14,000 in total annual Open Road donations

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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.

While RVW membership is open to women regardless of what type of RV they have, we are required to follow campground guidelines on types and ages of rigs allowed as well as number and types of pets allowed. This may occasionally impact some members.

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

Membership news, rally announcements, a chapter contact directory and information for RVers is published online at rvingwomen.org. The members-only section includes minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and copies of RVW policies and procedures.

Every other month, members receive *RVW*, a magazine offering stories shared by 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.

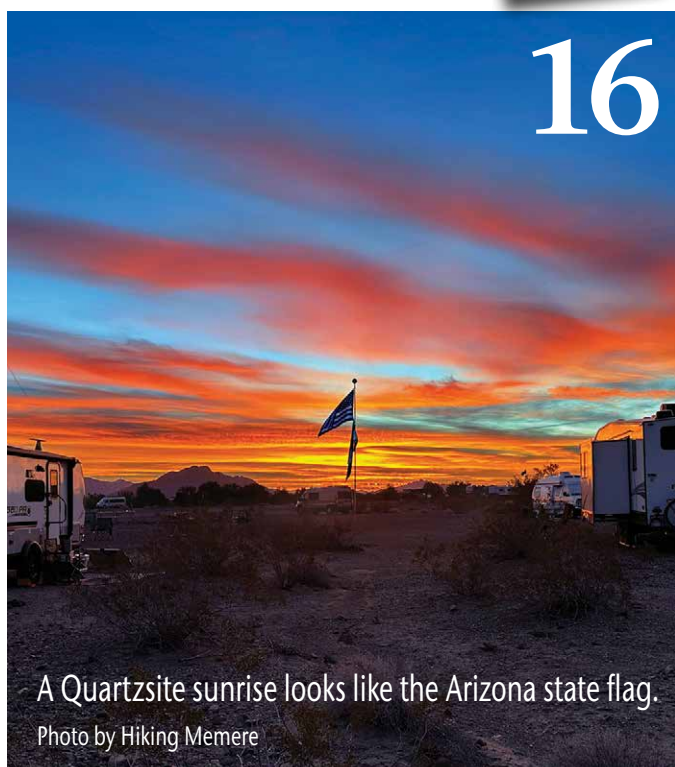
Member benefits also include access to the RVW membership directory, discounts on classified advertising in our magazine and online and a club decal that can be placed on your RV or vehicle to identify you in campgrounds and on the road, making it easier for RVing Women to connect.



Laura Prato and Tamara Hock traveled Iceland's Ring Road, with one stop here, at Yoda Cave. It's easy to see how it got its name. Read more about their trip on pages 14-15.

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Changes in issue mean more articles

I'm so excited about the changes in the magazine! You will notice that the Calendar of Events listing looks different. We needed to fit more rallies in, and this was an excellent way to do that. The actual listings themselves have also changed! They are much shorter in length. But don't worry—all of the information your amazing chapter leaders send in about where to camp, the cost, what will happen at the rally, things to do in the area, etc., is still available on the website. Click on **Events** at the top of the page or scroll down a little and go to your chapter under **Easy Access**.



Yvonne Johnson,
Editor
RVW Magazine

Most chapters send detailed rally information to their members, but we wanted to make sure all RVW members still knew about rallies that might be in their area or happening wherever they travel. That's why there is a rally map (see pages 40-41) and the shorter listings. All contain what chapter is hosting, when it is, where it is, how to make reservations, and who to contact for more information.

This is exciting because it means there is more room in the magazine for articles about topics you are interested in!

This month, you can learn about RVW in Quartzsite, two of our members RVing in Iceland, staying healthy on the road, a place to visit during Women's History Month, tornado safety tips, and the latest on the 2024 convention in Pennsylvania.

It also meant we had room to bring back **Tech Time**, a popular column on RV maintenance basics. The column will start with tips on winter camping from Barbara Jording. You will know her if you have taken a maintenance class at our recent rallies.

Of course, we kept familiar articles like recalls, new members, loyalty pins, a message from the board president and Dee Johnson's **Last Page** column. We also feature half of the photo contest winners. The remainder will be in the May/June issue.

There's just one problem. Running more stories in each issue means I need stories to put in the magazine! If you are an expert at something, want to tell about a trip you've taken, have a list of favorite campgrounds when you travel, can give advice about traveling with pets, picked up a new hobby while RVing, or anything that might be of interest to our members, email me at rvwmagazine@gmail.com or rvweditor@rvingwomen.org and pitch your idea. There's a very good chance I will want to use it. If you don't think you are a writer, don't worry! I will help you with it.

We don't pay for articles, but you will become well-known among your fellow RVing Women and might offer someone life-changing information or advice!

So what are you waiting for? Start gathering that information and those pictures, and send me your ideas!

More stories in this issue meant I needed to create additional unique layouts. I'm sure that's the reason the magazine was a few days late getting up on the website and into your homes. I know it wasn't because I, like more than 30,000 people worldwide, have been live-streaming eagle parents Jackie and Shadow while waiting for their three eggs to hatch. Whether covered in snow, fighting off ravens, or just chilling and enjoying the beautiful view of Big Bear Lake in California, the eagle pair show fantastic parenting skills. And they are famous, with every major news outlet doing stories on them in the past few weeks.

I also discovered there are TONS of webcams online showing animal activity. I've watched a baby hummingbird in Thousand Oaks, California, deer being fed in Maine, and camera bird feeders in Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and more. Why do I even put bird food out at my home in Arizona? I could be a virtual birder!

Of course, I'm joking. We are in RVW to see all we can in person!

But when you can't, or it's impossible to climb a 145-foot tree to see eagle eggs hatching soon...

Big Bear Eagle Web Cam: youtube.com/watch?v=B4-L2nfGcuE

Baby hummingbird: youtube.com/watch?v=6DdUcz8ZSBY

Maine deer pantry: youtube.com/brownvillesfoodpantryfordeer



Working AND watching.

Yvonne Johnson



**Dedicated since 1991 to supporting
women who are interested in RVing**

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Go to: rvingwomen.org
Then go to: My Profile > Edit

Two new RVW coordinators announced

You will be seeing some new faces at convention and throughout the year in some key RVW positions.

With the retirement of Karlene Field, who served as convention vendor coordinator and ad sales coordinator for the magazine for decades, Monica Carr, a Cascadia Chapter member, will be taking over both positions.

"I'm excited to take on the dual roles of Advertising Sales Coordinator and National Convention Vendor Coordinator for RVW," Monica said. She worked with Karlene at the 2023 Salem convention before taking over the job for the upcoming 2024 York convention and is working with her on the ad sales transition.



Monica Carr

She joined RVing Women and the Cascadia Chapter several years ago when she retired from the molecular diagnostics field. There she was responsible for convincing chemists to adhere to FDA or Department of Defense protocols, persuading the EPA to authorize new technology, and for creating systems and protocols for various vendors.

"While working to get new advertisements for the magazine may seem different from my previous career objectives, I find the challenges are similar, and the teamwork is just as rewarding," Monica said.

Monica encourages anyone with ideas or leads for bringing in new RVW Magazine advertisers and convention vendors to contact her at mcarr.rvw@gmail.com. "I would love to hear from you," she said. She wants to remind members that any vendor who shows at a convention must be booked through the vendor coordinator.

Another person new to a position is Linda Terres, Arizona Chapter member, who was named as the Convention Coordinator for the 2024 RVW National Convention in York, Pennsylvania.

A military veteran, Linda brings extensive experiences in planning and coordinating, including working as a production assistant for the Commission on Presidential Debates and as an event coordinator for the Pueblo Del Sol Hummingbird Classic Golf Tournament.



Linda Terres

Linda is working with the host chapters and committee heads in planning exciting events for RVW's York convention.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions for the convention, or if you want to volunteer, Linda can be reached at lterres87@gmail.com. Volunteers are still needed as committee chairs, to serve on committees, and to present seminars. More information on the 2024 convention can be found in this issue of the magazine on pages 20-21.

Want to sell your crafts at convention?

At the 2023 convention in Salem, Oregon a few RVW members sold their crafts. This was done on a trial basis to work out logistics and determine if this was of interest to our members. Due to the positive feedback generated by this endeavor, we would like to invite our RVW members to sell their artwork or crafts this year in York, Pennsylvania.

If you are interested, please contact Monica Carr by the end of May at mcarr.rvw@gmail.com.



Due to financial constraints, the board made the difficult decision to delay issuing the printed RVW Membership Directory until 2025.

Member information can always be found on the website by signing in, going to **Members only > Membership Directory** and typing in the members' name. If you don't know the members name but have other information such as their chapter affiliation, their location (city, town or state), their hobbies or interests or any groups they

may be part of, you can do a search with those parameters.

A PDF version of the 2024 Membership Directory Supplement will be added to the website later this year.



Want to help RVW? See page 13

RVW has many ways for...

Keepin' in touch



Michelle Pelkey, President
RVW Board of Directors
2024

If you're like me, someone who is not a techno whiz and prefers a simple and somewhat technology-free lifestyle, navigating social media can be challenging. Some of us can remember when computers were a thing of the future, found only in large universities and government offices, while others have never known a time when there weren't home computers. RVW incorporates both traditional and modern communication methods to keep in touch with members.

The bimonthly magazine is, in fact, a combination of traditional and modern as it comes out as a printed copy and electronically in two different formats, one as a *PDF* (portable document format) and the other as a *Flip Book* version. The magazine contains motivating and noteworthy articles by members, a *Chapter News* section where you can catch up on the various chapter rallies and gatherings, a complete list of rallies for the year, access to current vehicle recalls and many other remarkable and thought-provoking sections. You can find the magazine online at the RVW website. You will need to sign in, click on the **Members Only** tab, then click on **Publications**, then on **RVW Magazine Flip Book** or **Magazine (PDF)**. You may also access past copies of the magazine by clicking on the PDF version. When it comes up, scroll down to where it says **Magazine Archives** and click on **Click here**. There, you will find access to magazines as far back as 2008 and, later this year, all the way back to the start of our organization in 1991. Of course, the one drawback to printed material is that it's static and cannot be updated once published.

That's where **Facebook** (FB) comes in. RVW has three FB sites. The **RVW Members** site is exactly what it sounds like, a secure site available to RVW members only. It will appear if you type *RVW private group* in the FB search box. You will need to answer some questions and will be notified when admitted to the group. RVW sponsors **RVW (Rving Women) and Friends** for all women interested in Rving. You must be female and over 18 to join this FB group. The third RVW FB site is a business page, a public site for anybody and everybody. You can view this site by typing in *Rving Women*. Some chapters even have their own FB site pages, although they are usually private, so it's best to check with each chapter.

If you enjoy **Instagram** or **X** (formerly **Twitter**), Rving

Women has accounts on those platforms. Simply search for *Rving Women*.

RVW also has a **YouTube** channel where you can find 100 videos covering "how to," places to go, things to do and tricks of the trade. If you haven't checked out *YouTube* before, I'd highly recommend it; there is some excellent information there. Just type the following in the URL box on your computer: www.youtube.com/@RVingWomen. And if you've got some great ideas, know of super cool places to visit or have some special tricks that can help others, please share. Robbin Rutherford is our *YouTube* guru; please get in touch with her at aaaideas@icloud.com to learn more about contributing to the *YouTube* channel.

Another great way to interact with fellow members from all over the U.S. and Canada is to attend the **Fireside Chats**, a monthly virtual meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month. (It starts at 4 p.m. Pacific Time, 5 p.m. Mountain Time, 6 p.m. Central Time and 7 p.m. Eastern Time). The meeting link is sent out to all members by the RVW office a few days before the meeting. We are always looking for suggestions for topics and new ideas, so please consider attending the Fireside Chats and joining in.

New members of RVW are invited to attend the virtual **New Member Orientation** meetings, which occur on the first Sunday of every month starting at 4 p.m. Pacific Time, 5 p.m. Mountain Time, 6 p.m. Central Time and 7 p.m. Eastern Time. This meeting does require an RSVP, so go to the website, click on **Events**, then **Rallies/Events/Meetings**. Choose ***New Member Orientation** from the drop-down menu, then scroll down to *upcoming events*. The next upcoming meeting will be at the top of the list. Click on the meeting, and use the link to **RSVP**. When you RSVP, an invitation will be forwarded to you.

An additional way that members can stay in the know is to attend the **Chapter Advisory Council** (CAC) meetings and the **Board of Directors** (BOD) meetings. Both meetings are open to all members. If you are interested in attending either of these meetings, please get in touch with any board member for additional information. BOD meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Pacific time. CAC meetings are held quarterly and at conventions. Members can also contact their chapter leaders if they are interested in attending the CAC meetings.

These various media presentations offer a mix of traditional and electronic ways to stay connected. We hope this will make RVW information easily accessible for all members with different preferences and comfort levels with technology.

Michelle Pelkey

Change of Address

If your mailing address, phone number or email address changes, please go online to update your contact information, even if the change is temporary.

To update, log in to our website at rvingwomen.org, go to *My Profile* and then click on the pencil to *Edit*. If we do not have your current address on file, your copy of *RVW* magazine is not forwarded. It is destroyed at the post office and *RVW* is charged a fee.

Online Magazine

You can opt out of receiving a print magazine when you are traveling. The *RVW* magazine is available in PDF format and as a Flip Book from the *Members Only* > *Publications* > *Magazine* menu at rvingwomen.org.

Contact Us

The *RVW* office staff will be happy to help you with questions. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time. You may call us at 480-671-6226, send an email to rvwoffice@rvingwomen.org or fax to Attention: *RVing Women* 480-396-0532. Our mailing address is *RVW*, 1237 S. Val Vista Dr. STE 121, Mesa, AZ 85204-6401.

Feel free to visit when you are in the area. Our office is on the southeast corner of Val Vista Drive and Southern Avenue in Mesa, Arizona.



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

2024 Board

You can see *RVW* Board minutes on the website under *Members Only* > *National Information* > *BOD Minutes* and financial information under *Members Only* > *Financial Statements*



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2022–2024
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2023–2025
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Your input is always welcome. If you have questions, you can submit them in writing via mail or email to the board president or any other board member. You can also email questions to the *RVW* office or call. *RVW* Office contact information is to the left.



welcomes 76 members who joined or rejoined in December/January

Alabama

Diana Davidson Huntsville ST

Arizona

Denise Farley Cottonwood AZ
Joan Cavallo Ehrenberg ML
Suzanne Ketcham Ehrenberg ML
Doris Powell Mesa AZ
Joyce Ratner Phoenix AZ
Chantel Taylor Sierra Vista FT

Arkansas

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Sue Dell Lancaster SCJ
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Rene Sheldon San Diego SCJ
Tina Lavrouhin Santa Margarita ST
Bette Fondas Santee SCJ
Valerie Ryan Santee SCJ
Jody Laine Sebastopol FW
Shad Reinstein Sebastopol FW
Phyllis Chrisman Sunnyvale FW
Jodie Holsten Willits ML

Connecticut

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Cathy Cady Rockledge FL
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April Libby Las Vegas FT
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New Jersey

Kathy McClintock Brick MAT
Jea Santovasco Manalapan MAT

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Darlene Pudlinski Howard OHRV

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Suzie Matranga-Watson Portland OR
Jude Watson Portland OR
Leatha Krehoff Salem OR

Pennsylvania

Missie Berteotti McMurray FL

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Tawny Fentem Myrtle Beach SEW
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Lynn Terwoerds Port Townsend CAS
Jennifer Crider Seattle CAS
Cathy Phillips Seattle CAS
Ina Jaffe Sequim CAS
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Annie Li Shoreline ST

Wyoming

Cheryl Phelps Sheridan AZ

Canada

British Columbia

Deirdre Laforest Errington CAS

Ontario

Kelly Sedore Barrie FT
Carolyn Darimont Oakville GL

New member info

What a variety of backgrounds and careers our new members have had, with some still doing them!

One of our new members had her own farm where she raised and sold goats as pets for families or for land owners to use for brush management.

RVW always has numerous medical professions, this time including a podiatrist, pediatrician, veterinarian, three nurses and kinesiologist.

The helping professions continue to be represented with an occupational therapist, teachers/professors, a librarian, law enforcement, one who is currently a caregiver for Alzheimers and dementia clients, and another who worked as a Unitarian Universalist chaplain in medical hospice and prison settings.

Several worked with computers, including as a coder, systems analyst and one worked in cybersecurity for 25 years.

We have an ocean engineer and another who was a harbour master and master boat captain.

It's always a fun thing to find out what your members did before RVW!

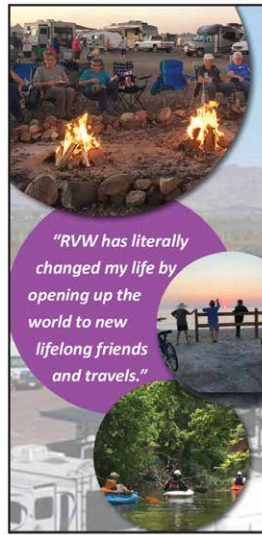
Primary chapter key

AZ - Arizona
CAS - Cascadia
FL - Florida
FW - FreeWheelers
FT - Full Timers
GL - Great Lakers
HD - Heart of Dixie
LH - Lyte Hearts
ML - Member at Large
MAM - Mid-America
MAT - Mid-Atlantic
NEN - Northeast
OHRV - Ohio River Valley
OR - Oregon
RM - Rocky Mountain
SCJ - SoCALjourners
SEW - Southeast Wanderers
ST - Solo Travelers
TRR - Texas Ramblin' Roses

29 of the members who joined or rejoined RVW in December/January said they heard about RVW through an RVW member, and most gave that member's name. Those members who referred someone will receive \$5 credit toward the following year's dues for each new member they recruited and their names are entered for a random prize drawing.

You also can take advantage of this program, but be sure to tell your friends to write down your **FULL NAME** on the application or online when they submit their applications for membership.

RVW's PR & Marketing Committee would like to recognize the following members for their success in recruiting one or more women who joined RVing Women in December and January: **Jane Bird (Arizona), Lynda Byrd (Cascadia), Kathy Carnes (SoCALjourners), Cathy Chittum**



Are you a Woman who RVs? You're not the only one!

RVing Women is a community of women who seek adventure on the road. We have chapters across the US and most hold monthly rallies. We offer maintenance seminars, driving schools, annual conventions, and lots of fun — just for women.

Check us out:

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"I have met a lot of people and have gone a lot of places I would not have gone to if not for RVW."

Jones (Southeast Wanderers), Kathy Chittum (Southeast Wanderers), Juliann Erickson (Mid-Atlantic), Nancy Graham (SoCALjourners), Judy Jentzen (FreeWheelers), Joan Lease (Oregon), Jane Loud (Northeast Network).

Also Barb Mancini (Florida), Kelsie Marea (Oregon), Traci Morris (Florida), Sue Pfluecke

(FreeWheelers), Cindy Preuss (Lyte Hearts), Patricia Rosendale (Florida), Mary Schoenfeldt (Cascadia), Dee Schumacher (SoCALjourners), Sheree Small (SoCALjourners), Rayleen Stubbs (Mid-Atlantic).

To help chapters or individuals recruit, you can call the RVW office at 480-671-6226 or email rvwoffice@rving-women.org to request RVW brochures and postcards.

Loyalty Pins Presented (joined in January)

30-Year Membership

Donna Williams	California	FW
Audrey Miller	California	FW

20-Year Membership

Betty Widdows	Arizona	ML
Joan Libbey	California	FW

15-Year Membership

Anita Kessinger	Illinois	ML
Marcie Senger	Washington	CAS
Joann Wiszmann	Washington	CAS
Lee Lovinfosse	California	FW

10-Year Membership

Barbara Albrecht	Texas	TRR
Lori Durand	Georgia	HD
Tina Baker	Georgia	HD
Elena Siurna	Texas	TRR
Cynthia Thomas	Texas	TRR

5-Year Membership

Mary Van Ness	Connecticut	NEN
Tania L. Medina	Massachusetts	NEN
Dee Currier	California	ML
Susan Simpson	California	ML
Linda Gates	Texas	TRR
Rhonda Myers	Washington	TRR
Cindy Elliott	Washington	CAS
Pam Ampferer	Minnesota	LH
Lillie Romero	Washington	TRR
Bea vonTobel	Washington	CAS
Jackie Proko	Massachusetts	NEN
Lynnette Rhodes	Michigan	GL
Kate Conners	Minnesota	ML
Kathleen Patel	Arizona	ML
Christina Genardini	Arizona	Arizona

*Loyalty pins are mailed to members each month.
We realize a pin or certificate may get damaged in the mail.
If this happens, please call the RVW office at 480-671-6226.
We will be happy to replace it.*

Thank you for your continued support over the years!

MILE MARKERS

Remembering those we traveled with and who were part of our community

Mary Jane Anderson – Texas Ramblin' Roses

Mary Jane Anderson, 82, of Converse, Texas, passed away in December. Born in Bangor, Pennsylvania, in 1941, she grew up on a farm, and in 1959, she joined the United States Air Force, where she met her husband, Michael Anderson Sr. They eloped the next year and were married in Mexico. That was just the start of her adventures. Mike continued his Air Force career, but that wasn't an option for Mary Jane back then. They were married for 46 years before he died in 2005.



Mary Jane and Mike had three children, and the family traveled the world on Air Force assignments. She also worked as an office manager and bookkeeper.

Back in the States, camping and fishing were favorite family pastimes. They had numerous travel trailers and motorhomes over the years. Mary Jane and Mike also went on several motorcycle trips across the country.

After Mike's passing, Mary Jane decided that backing their travel trailer wasn't her strong suit, but she still wanted to RV. She moved on to a Class B and later, a larger Phoenix Cruiser, which most RVW members will remember her traveling in.

She was a long-time RVW member and attended conventions and Texas Ramblin' Roses and Heart of Dixie rallies. She also camped with and was a charter member of another small women's RV group, the Pink Flamingoes.

Eventually, she decided she wanted to travel even more, so she asked her kids to come and choose everything they wanted from the house. She quickly sold the house and set out on her new full-time RV life with the full support of her children.

Her many RV travels included trips through New Mexico to Arizona, across the southern states to Florida, up the east coast, north to Niagara Falls, Michigan and Minnesota, and a long trip to the Maritime provinces in Canada.

Those who knew Mary Jane will never forget her warm, friendly personality and her RV, fully decorated inside with pink flamingo décor.

—Colleen Phipps

Deanne Adele Bishop – Oregon Chapter

Deanne Adele Bishop was born on October 26, 1949, in Cary, Illinois.

As a child, Dee took to the piano as she took to so many things throughout her life: with tenacity, brio, and charm. More musical accomplishments were to follow, including knowing her way around the guitar, the ukulele, and, of course, the stage. Beginning around 1980, Deanne was deeply involved in quartet singing communities, including the Sweet Adelines, where she met friends who became family.

An English Literature major at Cornell College in Iowa,

her favorite class was American Literature, and, yes, she sang in the acapella choir. She recently returned for her class's 50th anniversary, delighted to savor her beloved campus and reconnect with old friends.

Music, though key to Dee's life, was not her only passion. An avid reader, she began her professional life managing Kiebel's bookstore for several years. Not done learning, she studied computer science and landed an early job at Apple, where she spent a decade as a systems analyst, business analyst, and then Information Architect. Being a woman pioneer in a male dominated field wasn't enough of a challenge for Deanne; while at Apple, she earned her MBA and then her MA in Clinical Psychology.

In 1997, Deanne left Apple, bought her first home, and discovered the Oregon coast was a fine place to put down new roots and transition into her private psychotherapy practice. Deanne loved the blustery weather, the rain, and the waves and her numerous in-person and online groups that included books, meditation, spirituality, Enneagrams, nutrition, and more, all fueling her mind and heart.

She hung up her psychologist cap in 2017 to focus on caring for her mother and, later, taking on the joys of retirement, such as RV ownership and travel. Trips were joyful bounds from one friend's home to another. Deanne also enjoyed the camaraderie of campgrounds and her Oregon Chapter RVW friends.

Deanne died suddenly in her home, surrounded by her friends, and will be deeply missed.



Arita de Boer – Northeast Network

Arita de Boer passed away suddenly in January 2023. She is survived by her sister, Gerrie de Boer, and her life partner, Robyn Gordon-Brown.

Arita immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in the 1970s. Her first job was at the Grenfell Mission in the province of Newfoundland. She then taught midwifery at St. Anthony Hospital in Newfoundland, where people would often ask if she had a Scottish accent because she had studied midwifery in Scotland.

Over the years, Arita traveled and worked in mainly indigenous communities across northern Canada. She later worked as a full-time nurse aboard the SS Rotterdam and then at the Montreal Airport. She had so many stories to share with friends about her experiences.

She purchased her VW Westfalia in 1990, and we had many camping trips throughout Canada and the United States.



I remember once, in Haines, Alaska, she went outside the tent to pee. Upon her return, she remarked that she saw two dogs without tails walking down the creek. I could see she did not have her glasses on, so I ran outside to see that, actually, it was two grizzly cubs in the creek!

Everyone who met Arita would remark that she is a lovely, genuine person. During our time in RVW, Arita enjoyed the social events at the NEN rallies.

It was my privilege to share 23 years with Arita.

—Robyn Gordon-Brown

Susan Carson – Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Susan Lee Carson, 58, beloved wife of Alison Gibson, passed away at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey, on December 15, 2023.

Sue worked for the New Jersey state government, starting in the Department of Environmental Protection and retiring from the Department of Health. She was a consistent positive influence, a patient teacher, an expert in operations, and a creative change manager who invested extensive effort into every work endeavor.



She was a lifelong learner who put her heart into everything she did. She could turn her hand to anything she chose to do, from riding motorcycles and flying planes to photography and fiber arts. Sue was an adventurous soul and spent her

final years traveling in the RV around the United States and making memories with Alison and their dog, Henry. At every stop, she forged friendships with the people she met. One of her great skills was being able to strike up a conversation with almost anyone. Sue was infallibly genuine, and everyone she met instantly felt comfort in her presence.

Above all, Sue fiercely loved her family and is missed by all of them.

According to Kathy Healy, current Mid-Atlantic vice president, Sue joined the chapter in March 2021. She and Alison became instant fan favorites. Sue's smile was infectious, and her hugs were a warm embrace. She was always available to help in any way she could.

In June of 2022, Sue led a seminar/presentation with Mary Kashurba, and by the end of 2022, the chapter had voted her in as president. She was only able to serve until June of 2023, when she had to step down because of her cancer diagnosis.

Before all this happened, she and Alison went on a dream-come-true camping trip around the United States. We had fun watching her fill in the states on her social media map of the places they camped or visited.

Although Sue was with us for a very short time, she had a huge impact on many of us. We were the lucky ones to have had the chance to know her. She will be missed by many.

Dr. Margaret King – Mid-America Chapter



Margaret King, 77, who joined RVing Women in 1999 and was a past president of the Mid-America Chapter, passed away on January 25 after a lifetime of achievement.

Born in 1946, Dr. King met her life partner, Evelyn Keffer, and they shared a lifetime dedicated to others.

Dr. King graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1969 with majors in Health and Physical Education and Biology and minors in Education and Chemistry. She obtained a PhD in Medical Physiology and Biophysics in 1975. While working as a cancer research scientist for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Dr. King earned an MBA in 1983 and then graduated in 1993 as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

When the Oklahoma federal building was bombed in 1995, Dr. King volunteered as a veterinarian to treat the rescue dogs at the bombing site. Dr. King and Evelyn opened Acre View Pet Hospital in Edmond, Oklahoma, where they became involved in establishing animal care centers and, later, a mobile veterinary practice. More recently, Dr. King worked for the Edmond Free to Live Animal Sanctuary and wrote a column about pets in the local newspaper. Her incredible achievements were only matched by her continuous devotion to animals.

Dr. King also played the violin and was an avid sports fan with season tickets to OU Women's Basketball.

She and Evelyn loved to travel and visited every state in the continental U.S. In their later years, they loved RVW events and engaging in annual trips and functions with dear friends.

Dr. King was honored with many accolades throughout her career. But, to her nieces and nephews, she was simply Aunt Margaret: always hard-working, always full of fun and laughter, always carving the holiday turkey. She was an exceptional inspiration, living a life that exemplified a "can-do" attitude. The word "fail" was not in her vocabulary. She showed everyone that any dream is possible if you set your mind to it and work hard to achieve it.

A big RVW Thank You!

When a current or former RVW member passes, they can be remembered in RVW's own Memorial Garden in Quartzsite, Arizona. (See story on page 19.) Since originally built by RVing Women, upgrades and maintenance have been made to the site.

Last year, our newest RVW logo was added to the center area. Painted on a rock by Arizona Chapter member Sherrie Steber, it was a welcome addition. This year, Sherrie painted RVW's previous two logos which were added to the center area.

Thank you, Sherrie!





Where do I go for RVing Women's social media?

RVW's YouTube channel

RVW's **YouTube** channel continues to grow and educate! We now have more than 1,700 subscribers and 100 videos that range from educational to informative to fun. If you haven't subscribed yet, what are you waiting for? Go to **YouTube.com** and search for the name of our channel **@RVingWomen**. Then subscribe. That way, you will be notified when we post a new video.

RVW on Facebook

We have three different **Facebook** pages/groups.

RVing Women: This is our business page on Facebook that gives information about the organization to ANYONE on the Internet. This is not the place to post RVing questions for discussion; those belong in the groups.



RVW Members: This private group with nearly 1,000 members is open **ONLY** to official RVW members.

Here is where you can safely post and privately share trip information, chapter happenings and meet-ups with your RVW friends. To join, search for **RVW Members** in the search bar of Facebook, and answer three questions. You **MUST** answer the questions. Once you have, an admin will check that you truly are a dues paying member of RVW and let you in the group.

RVW (RVing Women) & Friends: This is also a private Facebook group, but it is open to ALL women over age 18 regardless of RVW membership. With nearly 13,000 members, this group is an excellent place to spread the word about RVW and the benefits of membership. Chapters may post their events in the Events tab to encourage women to come and learn about RVW and what a great time we have at our rallies. Because it is RVW hosted, you can promote RVW and RVW chapters in this group. It is also a good place to exchange RV tips and provide assistance and encouragement to other women interested in RVing.

To join, search for **RVW (RVing**

Women) & Friends in the Facebook search bar and answer two questions. Our focus here is to promote RVW membership. Each RVW member should consider themselves an ambassador for the organization.

RVW on Instagram and X

RVW has more than 400 followers on Instagram. Log onto **Instagram.com** and find us at **rving_women_rvw**. We also have nearly 900 followers on X (formerly Twitter). Go to **Twitter.com** and search for **@RVingWomen**.

Are you interested in BOONDOCKING?

Do you enjoy boondocking/dispersed camping and would like to find other RVW members to go with?

RVW National Board Director Meredith Robinson is interested in starting an RVW Special Interest Group (SIG) for women who want to boondock.

If you are interested, or want more information, contact Meredith at nvrobinson35@gmail.com or 970-379-7487. More information will be in the next issue of the magazine.

Handy Tip: for a quick and easy link to ALL of our RVW social media, go to linktr.ee/RVingWomen

Vendor support is crucial to RVing Women

Whether it is paying for advertising space in the magazine, running a vendor booth at a convention, sponsoring a national event/convention, or contributing large prizes to the fundraising baskets at convention, vendors are crucial to the financial success of RVW. And your support of those vendors is essential, too!

At the 2023 Oregon Convention, Olivia Travel, a women-only travel company, donated a cruise certificate worth thousands of dollars! That donation added nearly \$4,000 to RVW's total fundraising at convention of \$16,000.

Good friends and FreeWheeler Chapter members Charlie Chuck and L.T. Turkatte pooled their money to win the trip. In the past, many RVW members have taken

advantage of Olivia's women-only trips. Go to olivia.com/ experience to see what they offer.

Olivia has also advertised in the magazine in the past, and women are working with them to get another Olivia vacation donated for the 2024 York Convention!

State Forty Eight, an Arizona-based company, donated nearly \$500 worth of items to the Arizona Chapter's fundraising baskets, one of which Full Timers Chapter member Nancy Calvert-Warren won.

So whether it is new convention vendors like BoHo Vans or longtime supporters like Badges R Us, or sponsors like Harvest Host, Roadmaster, and SkyMed, RVW conventions and the magazine would not be possible without vendor support!



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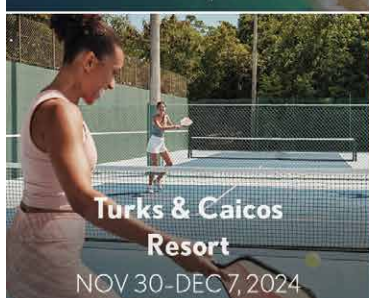


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Visiting *The*

WASP Museum



Many of our RVW members are military veterans who served their country in diverse fields and all branches of service. It seemed only fitting to visit the WASP Museum in Sweetwater, Texas when the opportunity arose.

Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) originated with a pair of very ambitious and skilled female flyers. Nancy Harkness Love was the youngest American woman to earn her private pilot's license prior to World War II. She lobbied for creation of a program using female pilots to ferry warplanes from factories to air bases.

Jackie Cochran, one of the best pilots of her time, flew a lend-lease bomber to England and organized a group of female pilots for war transport service as part of the British Air Transport Auxiliary. American military leaders became increasingly open to Love's and Cochran's ideas by 1942 when war reduced the available number of qualified male pilots.

Love organized the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) in September 1942 when two dozen of the best female civilian pilots reported to New Castle Army Air Base in Delaware for transport training. Cochran persuaded Army Air Forces commander General "Hap" Arnold to activate the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD) two months later at Howard Hughes Airport in Houston. In August 1943, the two programs merged as WASP, with Cochran as the director and Love as executive on the Air Transport Command Ferrying Division staff.

More than 25,000 women applied for pilot training, 1,830 were accepted, and 1,073 graduated. Candidates had to be between 21 and 35, already have a commercial pilot's license, and have the physical endurance to complete the military training regimen that was part of the selection process. Physical training was intense and flight uniforms were not designed for women. Ground school took 240 hours and required them to learn Morse code and basic engine repair.

After graduation, they served as flight training instructors, engineering test flying, ferrying aircraft and other duties. They also were glider tow pilots, towing targets for air-to-air and anti-aircraft live ammunition gunnery practice. They flew more than 60 million miles in every type of aircraft in the army air forces.

The 38 women who were killed while serving were not entitled to burial services or survivor benefits because they were considered part of the civil service.

The WASP program was disbanded without ceremony in December 1944 as the war wound down. The final class was allowed to graduate, but served less than three weeks and were let go to find their own way home with the rest of the women. WASP program records were sealed and most of the women rarely talked about their wartime experience, as no one believed them.

In 1977, the Air Force announced that they were accepting women to the academy who would become the first female pilots. Surviving WASP pilots stood up and stated this wasn't true, as they were the first female pilots. Senator Barry Goldwa-

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



WASP Anne McClellan adjusts her earphones in the cockpit of a BT-13 while Anne Johnson stands on the wing of the plane.
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ter who also served as a ferry pilot during WWII, led the efforts to recognize the WASP. President Jimmy Carter signed the bill militarizing the WASP and recognizing WASP pilots as veterans.

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed a bill giving the Congressional Gold Medal to the WASP. More than 200 WASP attended a ceremony to finally receive their decorations.

-Colleen Phipps



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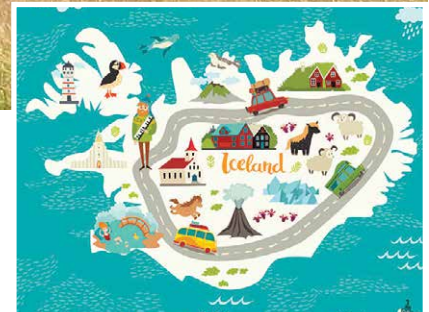


Van at a geological hot spot



Beautiful waterfalls were found everywhere

RVW members Tamara Hock and Laura Pra- to traded their usual Western U.S. travels for an Icelandic camping adventure last summer. They decided to visit Iceland after COVID-19 derailed their plans to visit Croatia earlier.



During their 18 months of research, driving the Ring Road, which circumnavigates the entire island, caught their attention. Although the road is mostly paved, and Icelanders drive on the same side of the road as the U.S., the road is one lane in either direction, has almost no shoulder, and has many one-lane bridges where drivers take turns crossing.

Despite a challenging road, the allure of flexibility and cost-effectiveness made the pair opt for a rented campervan over Tamara's trailer and Laura's Class C. With several companies renting different sizes of RVs, the two had choices to make.

"We had a checklist of 'wants' and 'didn't wants' for the van," said Laura. After extensive research, they chose Camp Easy rentals. "Their vans are automatic, have heaters and are fully insulated in Icelandic wool," said Tamara. "We were never cold!"

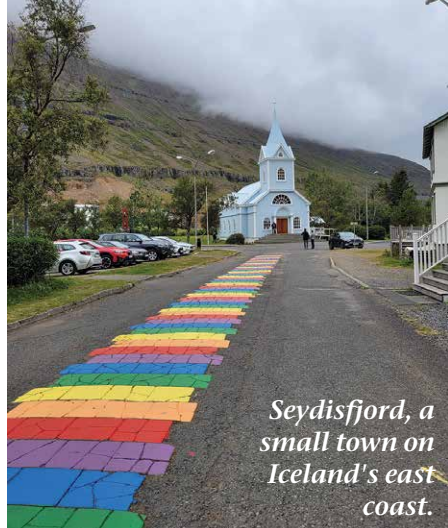
Although August can be busy in Europe, they wanted to go when Iceland was the warmest. They both live in Phoenix. "Cold is not in our vocabulary," laughed Tamara.

After picking a van and deciding on the dates for the trip,



EXPLORING THE WORLD

Arizona Chapter members tour Iceland's Ring Road in a campervan



the actual planning started. "We pulled out a map of Iceland and labeled what looked good," said Laura.

They looked at tourist and historical sites, as well as geological features. They followed Facebook and Instagram accounts to read where others had gone.

They gradually whittled their itinerary down, not wanting planned visits to overload it. "We wanted to leave room for surprises," they said, "and it was good we did!"

When August finally arrived, the Arizona duo arrived in Iceland, exploring Reykjavik's museums, churches and shops before starting on their road trip.

After four days in walkable Reykjavik, they hit the road in a van equipped with a backpacking stove, pans, 12-volt fridge, water, a tea kettle and dishes, which gave them the freedom to shop in local supermarkets and cook meals.



Electricity at Iceland campgrounds is one electrical bay at the end of a line of grass spots with half a dozen plugs. Seeing 50 to 100-foot extension cords was not unusual!

Planning meant a less stressful trip

- This book got the pair starting to think about Iceland.
- Though never needed, they did pay for complete insurance coverage for the campervan, which was at least a third of the rental cost. Purchasing it gave them peace of mind.
- Even with research, they were surprised by what they stumbled across. Those were often the places they enjoyed the most.



"Some of our favorite times were shopping at the grocery stores," said Tamara. "Several major chains carry all the food you are used to, plus local Icelandic favorites."

A significant expense was diesel for the van, about \$10 a gallon in U.S. dollars. "But we got great mileage during the 1,200-mile drive," said Laura, who did most of the driving. Tamara was the navigator.

Even with one main road, signs were often confusing, and multiple places had the same name. "But that just added to the adventure," Laura said.

They were always in their campground by mid-to-late afternoon, eliminating the need to drive after dark and giving them time to explore their new home for the night. But that wasn't too difficult since sunset was at 10:30 p.m.!

Most campgrounds in Iceland don't require reservations, which gave them more flexibility. Many are also just open fields. "You find a flat spot and park," Tamara said. "It was about \$7.50 U.S. each night with no hookups." Most had free showers, toilets and a large communal room for cooking and eating.

That flexibility let them change their itinerary on the fly. "What looked good on the map and guidebook sometimes turned out to be so-so, and then we'd stumble across something way more exciting," said Laura.

One of the things that made the trip so interesting was Iceland's geography, said Tamara. "Around nearly every curve in the road, there was a waterfall. Many are tourist sites, but more are simply beautiful cascades on someone's land."

There were also plenty of glaciers, geothermal pools and volcanoes as well as experiences they could participate in, including horseback riding along a black sand beach, whale watching, puffin tours, spa resorts, museums, and visiting historic villages.

"We joined a whale-watching group in the northern area of Iceland, just out of Akureyri," said Laura. "Several boats were in the fjord following whales,



"In geothermal areas, we watched women bake bread underground and even boiled an egg in a bubbling geo pit. It cost about \$1 to do that. Then I ate it!" said Tamara.

and we got pictures of them. We also stopped at a nature preserve just outside the town of Vik and stumbled into a colony of puffins."

The big question is, would they do it again or recommend it to others?

"It was a vacation we never expected to take," said Tamara. "Although we missed a few things, we found other places that brought us more joy than we expected."

Laura agreed. "I loved Iceland, but I'm glad we went in the summer. I don't think I would have enjoyed our hiking, exploring and wandering if it had been cold."

And while they both recommend seeing Iceland by campervan, they will probably not do it again. As Laura said, "There are too many other places I've yet to see!"



The inside of the van was lined with Icelandic wool, and had space for sleeping, eating and even cooking, although they usually cooked and ate outside.





Photo: Hiking Memere

80+ women in 65+ rigs gather in the Arizona desert

RVW + January

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QUARTZSITE

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Editor's Note: This rally report is a condensed version of a blog post written by April and Jess, known for their travels around the West and their Hiking Memere blog. They attended the Quartzsite rally as guests to check us out and joined RVW! To read the complete blog, go to hikingmemere.com/our-first-rvw-rving-women-rally/ to get lots more information and details!

Our first RVW rally was a wonderful experience, full of laughter, information and new friends. The rally was located in Quartzsite, Arizona, during the Big RV Tent show. Before the RVW rally, we had been posting some of our travels in the RVW Friends and Family Facebook group, a combination of RVW members and non-members. We have developed "Facebook" relationships with many of the women in the group.

We were excited to find the Quartz-

site rally on the schedule. Jess and I had previously reserved a month's stay at an RV resort only an hour away. We decided it was the perfect time to participate in an RVW event for ourselves. The process to sign up was easy, and the cost to register was minimal. After registering, we received our itinerary and directions to the group boondocking location, as well as several pages of helpful boondocking tips and information.

Welcoming Community

We arrived at the coordinates provided to find a well-organized group of women checking people in and helping RVers find their preferred camping spots. There were Class A, B, and C RVs of every type, as well as various travel trailer styles and even a few tents. We immediately felt like we belonged and were eager to be of any help we could. Our first event was a meet and greet with introductions and even more conversa-

tions after the official meeting was over.

After a quick dinner at our RV, it was time for our first group fire pit. This rock-outlined fire pit, which stays there year-round, is about four feet wide and nearly 20 feet long. Several fires can be lit simultaneously, allowing lots of people to gather around the campfire comfortably. Many group discussions took place, as well as groups of friends catching up with each other and telling stories of their more recent travels. A volunteer maintained the fires and ensured they were fully extinguished at the end of the night. The massive pile of firewood created as RV Women arrived and donated their bundles to the pile guaranteed there would be ample fuel for the nightly fires.

Seminars and Education

There were several seminars and educational opportunities throughout the four-day event. There was a large-pot



Nightly campfires were held



First meet and greet gathering



cooking class and, later, an American College of Surgeons Certificate Level course, *Stop the Bleed*, taught by a paramedic/certified physician's assistant. As a non-medical professional, I appreciated the opportunity to gain more clinical knowledge and earn a certificate. It was not something I would have expected to be doing boondocking in the middle of nowhere. I learned how to apply a tourniquet properly and when and where they should be used. Jess and I carry a well-supplied medical kit when we hike but do not have a tourniquet. We are considering adding one after this class.

Redlands Truck & RV sponsored an informative seminar on site at our group location. The focus of the discussion was tires, vehicle handling, and towing. They also brought several types of RV batteries and miscellaneous RV equipment upgrades, which they are certified to install. Owner Keith Shomaker was wonderful and knowledgeable. He set the stage for an inclusive, hands-on presentation in which he encouraged discussion and made people feel comfortable asking any questions.

Redlands is a full-service truck & RV repair shop in Redlands, California, just west of Palm Springs. They offer a full-hookup RV park for their customers to utilize throughout the service process. They also work on RVs during the Quartzsite rally.

Something for Everyone

Throughout the rally, there were many opportunities to meet new people. During the day, and often after the group fire shut down, smaller groups gathered in individual campsites for more conversation.

There were a couple of planned hikes adapted to the participant's abilities and daily group dog walks. Some women brought OHVs and Jeeps to use in this popular off-roading area. Others visited the Big Tent area and shopped at the flea market.

I noticed and appreciated that everyone was welcome to participate and share in group activities as much or as little as they chose. One day, we shared a delicious group meal, and we fended for ourselves on others. It was refreshing being able to, as my daughter often states, "just do you."

"Stop the Bleed" seminar



Large-pot soup making seminar



Some had their own campfires...



Not all the dogs walked!

Keith Shomaker and his Redland crew presented and repaired.



...while others met at the big one



Heading out for the morning dog walk



Solo Travelers met in QS



RV Stories

We had the good fortune to participate in many conversations and swap RV stories. I heard a common theme, which is also pivotal in my RV journey. I listened to many people talk of their fond memories of their years growing up and camping with family. There were many different stories of how their paths led them to love RVing. Some are full-time like us, but many still own homes and spend their vacations RVing.

Like Jess and me, life and responsibilities have a way of coming between us and the things we love to do. It was interesting to hear the stories of these women who found their path back to RVing.

Celia's Rainbow Garden

If I had to pick one event of the week-end that spoke to this organization's companionship and dedication to its members, it would be their memorial ceremony at Celia's Garden in Quartzsite. Celia's Rainbow Garden memorializes the daughter of a well-known

Quartzsite family who passed away at the age of eight. The botanical garden, filled with memorial areas created by other people and groups, is the site for the RVW Memorial honoring those "RVing Women who have taken their final journey." RVing Women created the memorial in 2012, and this year's ceremony added 15 plaques to the nearly 200 already there. Wives, friends, or chapter members read touching stories about the person's life, career, and RVing adventures. Rally participants circled the memorial and listened to the stories, which had the entire group laughing one minute and searching for a tissue the next. This experience helped me understand the importance and value of groups like RVW.

The magazine, seminars, group events, and everything RVing Women offers are incredible but pale compared to the group's compassion and camaraderie. We appreciated this opportunity and are excited to join RVingWomen.

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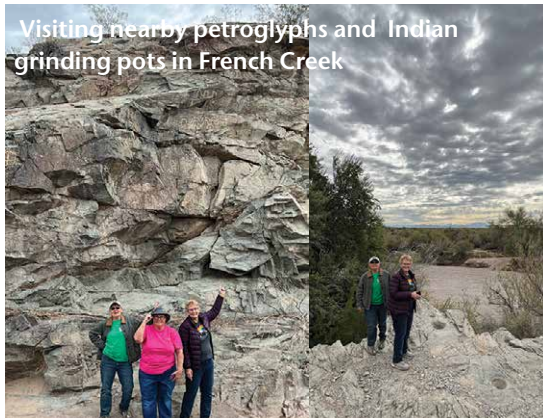


When RVers shared their must haves for their rigs, Janice's low tech item was a hit. Just fill with hot water and you stay warm in bed – no heater needed!



Enjoying chili and cornbread

Visiting nearby petroglyphs and Indian grinding pots in French Creek



From tents and small trailers to Class A motorhomes – they're all welcome in Quartzsite.



Full Timers meeting



Stars rise above the nightly campfire



15 women honored at Quartzsite memorial

Although Mile Marker information is 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, as a place to remember members who have passed. As part of RVW's Quartzsite gathering in January, a memorial ceremony is held each year to honor those RVW members who have passed.

Quartzsite was chosen because since 1992 RVW has held a rally at the same location south of the town. In 2011, when a group of members who wintered in Quartzsite learned that the town had a small memorial garden, they created and built what is now the RVW Memorial Garden on the western side of the town's Celia's Garden. The women maintained and cared for the memorial for nearly 10 years until responsibility for it was taken over by the RVW Board of Directors.

At the yearly memorial ceremony, a short life story is read for each woman who is being honored with a perma-

nent plaque. Plaques may be purchased by chapters or individuals for RVW members who have passed this year, or even in previous years and were not yet honored. Members of the board of directors and volunteers make sure the plaques are installed on the rocks before the ceremony.

This year, 15 women had plaques placed to honor them.

Plaques were placed for: **Becky Beckey**, Oregon Chapter; **Tamera Burton**, Rocky Mountain Chapter; **Sue Carson**, Mid-Atlantic Chapter; **Patricia (Pat) Ferraro**, Florida Chapter; **Angie**

RVW members who have passed leave an empty space on the chapter membership list, but they will always fill a space in our hearts.

– Sue Massey-Clover



Florida Chapter President Donna Remsnyder reads a tribute for Pat Ferraro at the ceremony in January.

Harmon, Florida Chapter; **Charlotte Hermes**, Lyte Hearts Chapter; **Donna Hewell**, Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter; **Kate Huff**, Mid-America Chapter; **Ellie Key**, Mid-America Chapter; **Grace Kronyak**, Mid-Atlantic Chapter; **Gina Nellor**, FreeWheelers Chapter; **Ruth Ann Power**, Arizona Chapter; **Nancy Stubbs**, Mid-America Chapter; **Beth Jean Tudor**, Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter; **Barbara Wohlke**, SoCALjourners Chapter.

There is now a total of 171 plaques honoring RVW members.

Plaques may be purchased for \$7 by a chapter, or an individual. To order for next year, go to **Members Only > Open Road Donations**. Then scroll down to **Memorial Plaques>>Donate Online**. You can also call the RVW office and

they can help chapters or individuals order the plaque(s). To order a plaque, contact the RVW office or order online before December 1, 2024.

For more information on the RVW Memorial Garden or to see the complete list of RVW honorees:

rvingwomen.org/page/qsite_memorial

To learn more about Celia's Garden: celiasrainbowgardens.com

To learn more about the women who created the garden, go to the RVW website and click on **Members Only > Publications > Magazine (PDF)** and click on **Magazine Archives** in the **More in this Section** pull down menu. Then download the Nov/Dec 2019 issue and go to pages 10 to 11.



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Pennsylvania

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**SAVE
the DATE**

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If you have never been to a convention, what are you waiting for? This will be a great one!

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magazine, online and in your email



Looking for a New RV?

Stay in the area a few days because America's largest RV Show is just a few miles away in Hershey, Pennsylvania from September 13-17. largestrvshow.com



Plan on Volunteering

Nothing makes a convention more fun or exciting than when you volunteer. Whether it's driving a cart, sharing information in a seminar, or chairing a committee – any of those will make your convention experience more rewarding!



York Expo Center

Our convention site is the York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA 17404. Watch for more details about camping and services.



RVW Convention 2024 plans are underway!

But convention planners need your help volunteering



Northern Central Railway trail



Numerous bike trails

It's time to make plans to attend the 2024 RVW National Convention in York, Pennsylvania from August 31 to September 8.

Typically, arrival and tours will be from Saturday, August 31 to Monday, September 2. There's usually a golf scramble on Monday, and festivities begin on Tuesday, with a special gathering for all those attending convention for the first time, and then the Opening Ceremonies for everyone.

Four days of fun, friends, food and learning follow that, ending with a banquet on Saturday evening.

Your convention registration fee will cover many of these events, with extra cost for tours and camping. These prices and the registration form will be available online and in the next issue of the magazine. Watch for email reminders and notices for more information and deadlines.

There is so much to do in the York area. From a trip to the tasty town of Hershey, to reliving history at Gettysburg National Military Park.

Here are just a few things you can look at doing.

You can visit six different museums at the York County History Center. (yorkhistorycenter.org)

You can take a trip on a historic train on the same tracks President Abraham Lincoln rode on his way to deliver the Gettysburg Address! (northerncentralrailway.com)

The Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in nearby Lancaster will be presenting Jersey Boys while we are there. (dutchapple.com/shows/jersey-boys)

You can get the Good Libations Trails passport and earn free swag as you sip your way through vineyards and try new brews and small-batch spirits. No drinking? They also have a YoCo Arts and Culture Pass, Heart of Hanover Walking

Trail, tons of hiking and biking trails, and a new trail – Cultural Trails, featuring women owned or operated companies, African American focused sites, and military appreciation tours. (yorkpa.org/tours-trails)

Did we mention artisan and factory tours, shopping, and great restaurants?

You can visit the Stauffer's Factory Outlet, famous for its Original Animal Crackers, or the Snyder's of Hanover Factory Store which offers more than pretzels!

Want to work those pretzels, chips and wine off? Try the Heritage Rail Trail or paddle the Susquehanna River.

York and the surrounding area has it all!

Go to yorkpa.org to see more or order a printed guide for the area.

Don't forget there's also a convention going on with fun entertainment, great seminars to help you learn more about RVing including a two-day maintenance seminar, and lots of friendly, fun RVing Women.

How can you go wrong?!

And if you are not convinced yet – a few days after our convention ends, America's Largest RV Show starts just a few miles away in Hershey, Pennsylvania. More than 1,500 RVs from pop up campers to luxurious Class A motorhomes will be on display. There will also be 178 vendors showing camping accessories, offering campground info and presenting seminars. (largestrvshow.com)

Start making your reservations now for the trip out to York and see how much fun a convention can be!

Volunteers needed

Have you always wanted to drive a golf cart around chauffeuring women to activities and seminars?

Do you have a hobby, skill, craft or knowledge you would like to share?

Convention Coordinator Linda Terres still needs committee chairs. Contact her (lterres87@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving as chair of:

- Entertainment Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Go-Go Committee
- Golf Outing Fundraiser Committee
- Help Desk Committee
- Security Committee
- Shuttle Carts Committee
- Tours Committee
- Volunteer Committee

Many of these chair positions can be done by someone located anywhere in the country. Meetings are held online to plan the convention.

Vendor Coordinator Monica Carr asked if members know of any vendors in the York area, or have a specific vendor they want to see there, to contact her (mcarr.rvw@gmail.com).

Members who might want to sell their own arts and crafts at the York convention should also contact Monica for details.



Downtown York market



Maintaining GOOD HEALTH While ON THE ROAD

BY LEE-ANN HALBERT
SOUTHEAST WANDERERS CHAPTER

As RVing Women (RVW) members, most of us probably know a thing or two about enjoying life on the road and staying healthy. RVW's Mission Statement even alludes to improved health when it says RVW offers women the opportunity to enjoy the RVing lifestyle in a safe and knowledgeable manner and the organization and its members value educational opportunities to promote safe RVing.



Part of safety is maintaining good health while enjoying the road and all that travel offers. We all know about the beauty out and about on the roads, as well as the fun and excitement of meeting new friends as we explore. But no matter how much we know about maintaining good health and a healthy lifestyle on the road, sometimes it is not easy. Living in an RV, whether for short trips and vacations or full-time, presents unique challenges compared to being based at a stationary location.

In articles in the magazine over this next year, I will uncover some of the challenges to enjoying a healthy lifestyle on the road. I will also offer options for how you can make your time in your RV one that yields better health on the road. As a Certified Health Coach and an advanced prac-

tice nurse, I am familiar with many of the issues we all face in trying to attain better health and how to reach those goals. However, my most relevant experience comes from my years of RVing, both short-term travel in an RV and long-term full-time living in one. Throughout all these times, I have faced the same challenges everyone else has in trying to eat more healthily while enjoying local flavors, exercising in small spaces, keeping my spirit up when

things are not going the way I want – and the myriad of other challenges faced in the small space of an RV. Let's get started on how we can improve our health on the road!

A good place to start is to understand why maintaining our best health is so critical when we are on the road. A recent research study identified what many of us know: health insurance and the healthcare system are not geared for the RVer (Tretter, 2023). Maintaining better health both at home and on the road can lead to a reduced need

for accessing a healthcare provider. Those using their RVs for short-term travel can arrange healthcare provider visits when they return to their stationary home. For those who live on the road, reaching better health goals can help limit the need to locate a healthcare provider and access health insurance while traveling.

One way to improve health is to move more – something that can be tough inside a space that can be less than 90 square feet. Moving more might lead us to think of the word "exercise," which can be intimidating. If we felt challenged to go to an aerobics class or gym at home, thinking about exercising on the road can be even more difficult.



Instead of thinking about increasing movement as **exercise**, try reframing physical movement as **play**.

Researchers found that when women over age 60 who RV travel engaged in activities for fun, without using the word "exercise" attached to the activity, the participants enjoyed more than just better physical health.

These women delighted in the socialization with other women RVers and enjoyed an improved quality of life. The women also reported feeling healthier (Berlin & Klenosky, 2014).

How much movement – play – do we need? According to the Department of Health and Human Services “Healthy People 2020” goals, adults 18 and over** should participate weekly in at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic physical activity, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity, or a combination of these types of movement (health.gov/healthy-people). Adults must also push their muscles in the major groups around two or more days a week (CDC.gov).

What does engaging in play for health benefits look like? Some activities that are “play” and not necessarily thought of as “exercise” are: brisk walking, playing tennis (doubles tennis counts!), water aerobics, and riding a bicycle. Do you have a dog? Take your pet out for a brisk 20-minute walk three times a day, and you have already reached 60 of the 150 aerobic activity minutes recommended for the week! Add a 20-minute bike ride to see the local sights on three other days, and you are at 120 total minutes of moderate activity for the week. You only need another 30 fun minutes of playing – perhaps a few tennis games – and you have met the recommendations. And not one time did we come up with an “exercise” for movement or make



“exercise” a goal to achieve. The objective is to have fun while moving in a way that improves your health. If you enjoy the activity, you will keep up with it for years.

How can you push your major muscle groups without stepping into a gym? Perhaps you enjoy yoga, a great workout for both mind and body. And depending on your space, you may even be able to do yoga in your RV. Do you do all

the work on the RV, such as setting up a trailer, moving a picnic table into the perfect spot, or gardening if you are long-term in one location? Or perhaps your RV is a small camper, requiring you to set up and take down a dinette or other furniture to give you a place to sleep. Can you practice the setup and

take down a few times each day? Are you planning on a campfire tonight? What about collecting bundles of wood and bringing them back to your campsite? Or maybe you must get out your propane fire pit and move a propane tank into the right location to enjoy nighttime camp-



****Note:** The recommendations are based on the CDC and Health People guidelines. Please consult your healthcare provider for any health issues you have and whether the guidelines apply to you.

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fire. These activities all take strength to do – and count as exercise! Look around your camp spot for other ways to incorporate repetitive movement using weight (8-12 times for a set, completing at least one set per day) into a natural part of your day.

In future articles, we will look at more ideas for movement (especially on driving days), shopping for healthy supermarket food on the road (not as easy as you think), eating healthy while traveling, and other issues faced by part-time and full-time RVers. Most importantly, the articles should meet YOUR goals and needs. Is there something you have a general

question about in terms of maintaining and improving your health while in an RV?

Please email your ideas and requests. If YOU have this question, there will be others with it also.

I look forward to sharing information about maintaining better health on the road.



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Tornado Safety Tips

• **Sage Mingan** – RVW Member at Large

As I have traveled around this beautiful country, I have experienced tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, flash floods, and wind/sand/snow storms. It is a terrifying situation to be in an RV or tent.

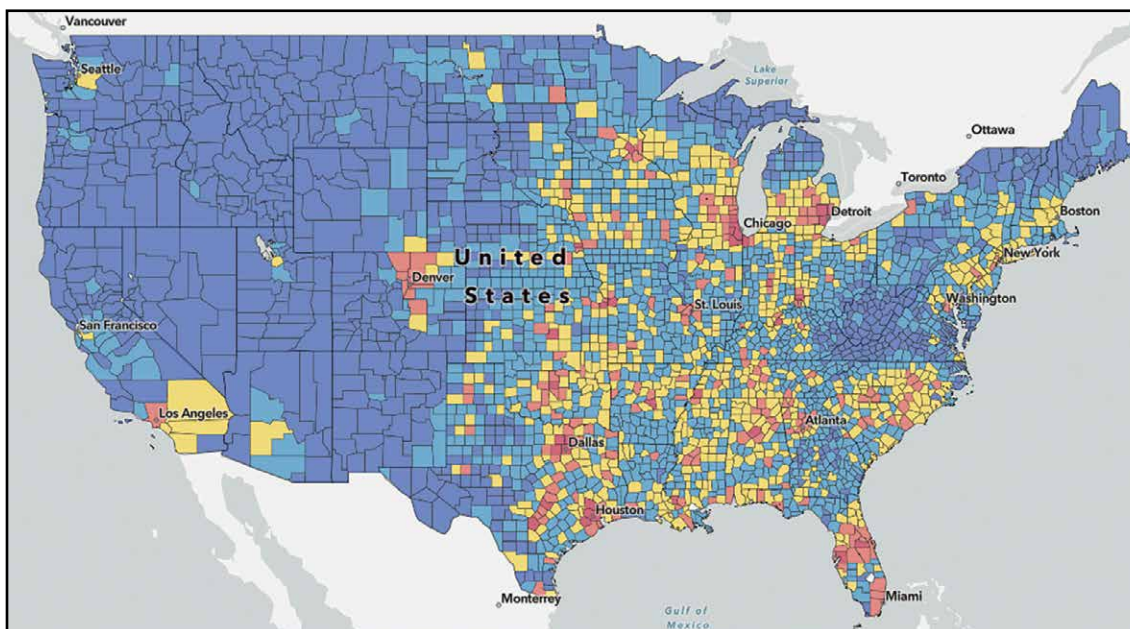
In 2016, on my way to a Mid-America Chapter gathering, I was camping in beautiful Knob Noster State Park near Sedalia, Missouri. During the afternoon, storm clouds appeared on the horizon, and I turned on the weather radio. A few moments later, the campground host came by each site, telling everyone a tornado watch had been issued. They said if warning sirens went off at the Air Force base across the road, we were to go to the park office and hunker down in the basement until the all-clear was given. In the meantime, we were to pay attention to the radio or cell phones.

Knowing I am a frail veteran and senior citizen and could not walk fast enough, much less run, to the park office, I made a plan.

I put my motor home keys into the ignition, put my two cats in their carriers, grabbed my Go Bags for me and my cats, unhooked my rig from the utilities, put everything away and proceeded to wait. The skies became darker, and then the sirens went off. I jumped into the driver's seat, started the engine, and moved to the park office. On the way, I saw an older man who didn't look like he would make it, so I stopped and told him to jump in. I arrived at the office, parked away from trees, and asked the older man if he would help me carry my cats. Together, we managed to get into the basement in time.

I found a chair away from the dogs (on leashes) and kids (not on leashes) and settled down with my cats next to me in their carriers with my Go Bags on top of the cat carriers.

Everyone around me was very friendly, and we all made small talk while our phones buzzed with tornado warnings. We could tell there was a storm raging outside. While we waited, I noticed I was the only one with Go Bags. I asked the parents if



hazards.fema.gov/nri/map



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- **Tornado Watch** – Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Be ready to act quickly.
- **Tornado Warning** – A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris.

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• **GET IN** – If you are outside, get inside. If you are already inside, get as far into the middle of the building as possible.

• **GET DOWN** – Get underground. If no basement or cellar is available, go to the lowest floor possible.

• **COVER UP** – Flying and falling debris are a storm's number one killer. Use pillows, blankets, coats, helmets, etc, to cover up and protect your head and body from flying debris.

–National Weather Service

they or their kids wanted water, a snack bar or water for their dogs. I had plenty because I always over pack.

After about an hour, the Ranger gave the all-clear, and we could return to our campsites. Fortunately, the tornado had not touched down, and although the storm threw around some small trees and debris, there was no severe damage. We were all relieved and happy to continue camping.

I learned a lot from my near miss with a tornado.

You should have a Go Bag prepared for any emergency where you must leave your RV quickly. Watch the RVW magazine for a future article on what to pack in a Go Bag for yourself and your pets.

Here's some tornado safety advice from the National Weather Service (NWS) ([weather.gov/safety/tornado](https://www.weather.gov/safety/tornado)) and an article in RV Life (rvlife.com/tornado-safety-rvs-campers).

When arriving at a campground, especially if you are in tornado country, read the campground information or ask a host where to go if there is a tornado. A safe space usually includes a clubhouse, office, concrete bathroom, etc.

Know what county you are in. NSW gives tornado watches and warnings by county.

Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio to stay updated about tornado watches and warnings. A cell phone alone is not enough in some situations.

Leave your RV and seek shelter. NWS warns that RVs offer

very little protection from tornadoes. Find an underground shelter or a large concrete structure with thick walls, and stay away from the windows. While a basement is best, the interior hallways of an office, inside a restroom stall or even the center of the laundry room will work.

If you are driving and a tornado is approaching, drive to the closest shelter. If that is impossible, either get down in your vehicle and cover your head or abandon your car and seek refuge in a low-lying area such as a ditch or ravine.

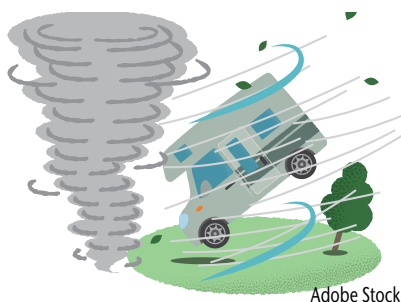
Finally, be very cautious when camping near water. Creeks, rivers, and even the ocean are wonderful to be near but can be deadly in a storm in just a few minutes. Even if that storm is miles away, with today's unpredictable and more violent weather, one needs to pay more attention to the weather.

Now is the time to prepare for RV storm safety.

Tornado Warning Signs

rvlife.com/tornado-safety-rvs-campers

If you are in a tornado-prone area and you notice any of these signs of a pending tornado, get ready to seek safety:



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- Large hail
- Lightning
- Loud, roaring noise like freight train
- Grayish/greenish clouds forming
- Cloud wall that looks like low-lying thunderclouds

- Visibly rotating clouds on horizon
- Cloud extending to the ground, increasingly funnel-shaped
- Rotating dust and debris rising up from the ground
- An electrical current in the air



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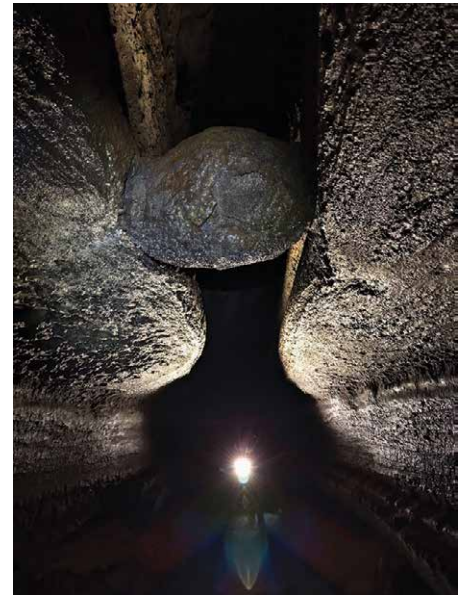
Three category winners announced here, four in the next issue!

Sports and Adventure

Photos depicting any of a broad range of sports activities



1st Place • Zip Lining in Panama • Claudia “C.J.” Blodgett, FreeWheelers • Sister in motion on a zipline in Boquete, Panama. *Judges’ Comments:* The color tone and simplicity of this picture make it breathtaking.



2nd Place • Exploring Ape Cave • Jan Balala, Ohio River Valley • No nice cement path when you explore this cave at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument in Washington. And you must bring your own light!. *Judges’ Comments:* The lighting is perfect. It helps capture the rocks leading to both the person and the trapped rock above. An exciting photo.



3rd Place • Ready for Tranquil Action • Marie Mullarkey, Arizona • Bowman Lake in Glacier National Park, Montana. *Judges’ Comments:* The kayaks lead you to the mountain reflection and then to the mountains themselves. Gorgeous!



Honorable Mention • Kayaking on the Blue Moon Night • Gail Husson, FreeWheelers • A view from my kayak of the Blue Moon rising over Twin Lakes in Shohola, Pennsylvania.



1st Place • King Penguin Colony • Jan Balala, Ohio River Valley • Walking the coast amongst a penguin colony in Gold Harbor on South Georgia Island, just north of Antarctica. **Judges' Comments:** *This photo takes me to the location as if I were there. Wonderful composition, clarity, sharpness and soft misty mountains. My eyes encircle the entire photo and they always go back to the front leading "Penguin in Charge."* Congratulations.



3rd Place • Pier from the Past • Sue McNab, Cascadia • Taken at the Hoquiam RVWomen gathering in March, 2023 near the East Fork of the Hoquiam River. **Judges' Comments:** *Lovely panoramic and leading lines. This photo makes me ask a question, "What was the dock used for and where does the path lead to? Beautiful composition, colors and reflections. Having the tree overhangs helps keep the focus within the photo. Congratulations!"*

Landscapes and Nature (continued)

Photos of scenic outdoor vistas
and natural landscapes

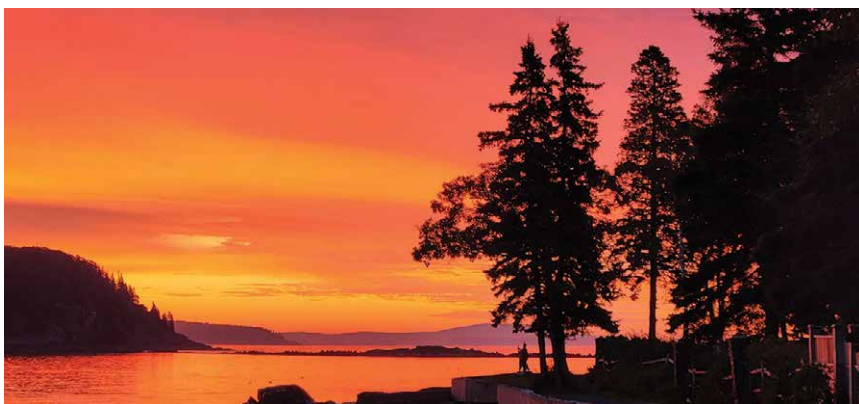


2nd Place • Paddler's Rest • Sharon Gladden, Florida • Taking a break while paddling on the Wekiva River in Florida, just north of Orlando. **Judges' Comments:** *This photo is so serene. A wonderful composition and I love the softness of the photo. The colors are subdued but enough to catch the viewer's eye. It definitely tells a story. I could see this photo as a beautiful wall hanging. Congratulations!*



Honorable Mention

• **Bee at Work • Claudia "C.J." Blodgett, FreeWheeler's** • A bee busy pollinating one of the plants in the *Aroid* family at Limahuli Garden and Preserve in Hanalei, Hawaii.



Honorable Mention

• **Sunrise After the Storm • Gail Husson, FreeWheeler's** • A fiery sunrise shot from the beach at Bar Harbor Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine.

• **Fairy Garden • Sue McNab, Cascadia** • Mushrooms I discovered on a walk during a Cascadia rally at Harmony Lakeside RV Resort near Mossyrock, Washington.

• **Cape Disappointment Lighthouse • Jan Balala, Ohio River Valley** • Hiking through Lewis and Clark history at the mouth of the Columbia River in Washington State.



People Category

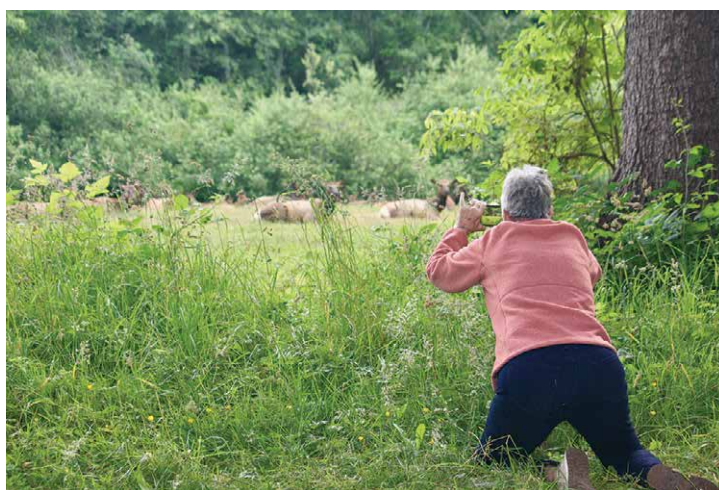
Candid or posed photos of people



1st Place • Panama Mama and Baby • Brenda Bartz, Great Lakers • Taken during a trip to Panama. *Judges' Comments:* The pleasure of this moment is highlighted by the woman's floral headband, the child's hand reaching down and leading you to the native handicrafts in the foreground, and the glimpses of the landscape in the background



Honorable Mention • Young Birder on Paddleboard • Kathy Hal, Cascadia • This young girl is definitely enjoying her time on Weallup Lake, near the Canadian border in Northwest Washington. *Judges' Comments:* The contrasting blues in this photo and the subtle movement of the water highlight the young girl's balancing on the board, and the owl on her hat provides a delightful mirror to her facial expression.



3rd Place • Picture the Elk • Claudia (C.J.) Blodgett, FreeWheelers • Capturing a fellow FreeWheeler taking her own shots of the elk in Trinidad, California. *Judges' Comments:* The careful stillness needed to capture the photo of the elk is shown by the emphasis on the woman's kneeling figure in the foreground. Our eye is drawn to the woman first and then drawn beyond her to see what she is seeing through the camera lens.



2nd Place • Daffodil Flagger • Sage Mingan, Texas Ramblin' Roses • Traveling through Skagit County in Washington state, we came upon this road worker. *Judge's Comments:* The woman's smile, colorful hat, and daffodil bouquet create a whimsical contrast to the imperative of the stop sign.

With 129 entries, a big thank you goes out to the judges!

• This year's judges ranged from professional photographers to fellow RVW members who just love to take photos. All of the judges were very creative and appreciated the creativity shown by the winners.

As one said, "All of the women should be praised for their submissions! Keep up the good work ladies."

All winning entries will be on the website and YouTube in May!



*Preserve the privilege of overnight parking.
Follow the code and encourage others to follow it, too!*

Overnight Parking Etiquette

RVERS 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!
2. Obtain permission from a qualified individual.
3. Obey posted regulations.
4. No awnings, chairs or barbecue grills.
5. Do not use hydraulic jacks on soft surfaces (including asphalt).
6. Always leave an area cleaner than you found it.
7. Purchase gas, food or supplies as a form of thank you, when feasible.
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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real time and updates automatically.

Chapter News

Arizona Chapter

Lake Havasu City, Arizona February 8–11

A good time was had by all at Cattail Cove State Park. Thank you Marie Mullarkey, Dawn Coats and Jan Wright for co-hosting. Twenty-six women with 20 rigs participated in the weekend.

On Friday, Sue Shaw led a group of hikers to nearby Sara Park while others did a dog walk around the campground. Dawn Coats conducted a corn hole tournament and several campers ventured onto the lake for kayaking, with no wind and nice temperatures. We also visited BlondZees Steakhouse north of Lake Havasu on London Bridge Road for lunch. Marie led a solar lantern craft activity and campers enjoyed their take-home lanterns.

Vet Carmen from the Oregon Chapter conducted a fly fishing class on Saturday that snagged our attention. We learned all about rods, reels and hooks. Linda Elliott shared her Dutch oven cooking expertise in the most practical way possible, with all of us contributing food to her soup batches. We sat around and enjoyed her discussion while smelling the cornbread and Holy Cow cake baking. Nothing is finer than a home-made lunch with a Dutch oven, campfire, and enthusiastic, friendly campers! Patty Prather led a bingo session in the afternoon under sunny skies. Lottery tickets went to the multiple winners.

After campers left on Sunday, we delivered several pounds of food to the Haven Family Resource Center and their Food 4 Kidz program. They were very appreciative of the donations from the RVW Cattail Cove campers.

– Jan Wright



Above: The Cattail Cove rally was a good one for learning, whether it was Linda Elliott teaching Dutch oven cooking or (right) Vet Carmen sharing a fly fishing lesson. Below: There was also time for a visit to BlondZees Steakhouse. Bottom left: Although the rally ended on Sunday, those who stayed over until Monday had an outdoor viewing of the Super Bowl.



Above: Campers could take the solar lanterns they created during a craft session. Below: Cornhole winners Jane Bird, Sherrie Steber, Linda Elliott and Patty Prather. The Arizona cornhole platform was made by Dawn Coats.



Don't see your rally here? Remind your chapter leaders to send rally reports to rvweditor@rvingwomen.org!

Florida Chapter

Crystal River, Florida January 11-14

Thirty-seven members and three guests attended the January rally at the newly opened Sweet Citrus Acres RV Resort in Crystal River, Florida.

This will be a beautiful, top-notch resort, with over 500 sites and a designated rally row when completed later this year. The clubhouse is gorgeous, and we were the first group to use it.

Even though rain and cold temperatures interfered with some of the scheduled activities, we had a great time. Bicycling, hiking, chair volleyball, cards, Left Right Center, a uke jam and happy hours were all a hit, as usual.

Thanks to Kim and Maria for donating all those flashlights and candy for the members. Also, a big thank you to Jan and Dana for donating their 50/50 winnings back to the club treasury. Our members are terrific!

The big event was on Saturday when we attended the Manatee Festival in downtown Crystal River. The festival had over 180 craft vendors, art in the park, food courts, beer and wine gardens, four stages for live music, kayak tours, and boat tours to view the manatees. In addition, there was a free shut-



Above: Chapter bikers enjoyed riding at Crystal River Park, while the ukulele players got together for a uke jam. Below: there were plenty of places to eat at the Manatee Festival. And what is a Florida rally without a few games of chair volleyball?



tle and free entrance to Three Sisters Springs for guided tours and conservation, nature, and manatee programs.

After a fun-packed day, some went to dinner at Crackers, a restaurant on the water, while others chose to order from the food truck at the resort and watch the football games in the clubhouse.

It was a fun-filled rally, with the resort staff so accommodating and friendly that we decided to try to book again for next year!

—Mary Ann Parker



If it's a Manatee Festival, there's has to be a nearby Manatee to pose with for a picture – as these three chapter members discovered!

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Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

Around Texas

January and February

Editor's Note: Because they cover such a large area, Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter members often hold a "Brunch of Roses" at restaurants throughout the state. These gatherings allow members to get to know each other better and not have to travel so far to meet occasionally. Sometimes, they combine it with an event, like they did on January 6.

We had beautiful weather on January 6 for a TRR visit to the South Texas RV Super Sale in San Antonio, Texas. We then had brunch at the Little Red Barn Steakhouse. A big thank you goes out to Marla Loring for hosting the event.

At the RV expo, there were lots of shiny new travel trailers, fifth wheels, and motorhomes to visit. Vendor Row had good exhibits with cute little scooters that looked ready for the next adventure. It was an excellent opportunity to see what was out there in the world of RV's. For future reference, don't forget that educational seminars are also

going on at the event, which are included in the admission fee. Afterward, 20 of us met at the Little Red Barn Steakhouse for a nice lunch with lots of conversation and friendship. The service was fast and efficient, and we all left happy with full tummies!

Our next lunch gathering was also in San Antonio, at Umberto's Italian Grill, on January 24. Mama Mia!...the food was delicious.

We had 17 members at the lunch, which Barb Costino and Rose Marino hosted.



Above and below: After visiting the RV Super Sale, 20 Roses met at the Little Red Barn Steakhouse for lunch and visiting.



The food was plentiful and so good. Everyone had a great time, and a lot of laughter was heard.

A big thank you to Barb and Rose for putting this event together and hosting it. Get-togethers, such as this lunch, help beat the wintertime blues when the weather is a bit gloomy.

We started the month of February with a luncheon at The String Bean in Richardson, Texas. (See picture to the right on page 37). This one was small and cozy, allowing everyone to catch up and share their experiences. Thank you to Teri Garcia for putting this together so North Texas area Roses could meet.

—Beverly Hadley

Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

**Goliad, Texas
February 8–11**

The trio of Marlene Morneau and Vickie and Barbara Albrecht hosted a fantastic rally at Goliad State Park. Twenty-two Roses and one guest attended the rally, which is an excellent turnout for Super Bowl weekend, plus the weather was cooperative. What more could you ask for in mid-February?

We visited J Welch Farms in Victoria, Texas, where we tasted olive oil and wine and then had a light dinner on



Shopping and eating at J Welch Farms and then Goliad's Market on the Square, were fun activities at TRR's February rally. But there were also games of dominoes and getting to know each other, and our rigs, better.

their beautiful outdoor patio. They have a lovely gift shop with their farm preserves, wine, vinegar, and several olive oils. Saturday's visit to downtown Goliad's monthly Market on the Square was fun! Many stayed over and had lunch in one of the restaurants on the square.

Our hosts provided three types of chili for Saturday night's potluck, and Vickie also prepared a pot of beans for those who believe beans belong in chili. Those beans were also delicious on their own. Leave it to the Roses to bring all the accompaniments for the meal, including a beautiful selection of desserts.

Sunday morning, we had a delicious hitch-up breakfast with all the trimmings. I saw several Roses go back for seconds on the biscuits and gravy!

—Beverly Hadley



Below: February began with a small, cozy luncheon at The String Bean in Richardson, Texas.



Remember to send rally reports to the magazine

Chapter leaders are encouraged to send written reports of their rallies to the RVW magazine. Please send a written account of your rally activities, number attending, etc. to Yvonne Johnson, magazine editor, at either rvweditor@rvingwomen.org or rvwmagazine@gmail.com.

The **story** should be sent as an **attachment** in either Microsoft Word, Pages, or even just text (please, no PDFs), or you can send it as the body of an email. Look at how rally reports are written in this and past issues of the magazine and follow a similar format.

We do NOT want a lengthy description of food eaten, thanks given, etc. But we do like to know what fun or unusual activities were done, any educational seminars or tours you did, and anything unique or special.

Pictures of the rally should also be sent. They must be high quality and large in size. If an image is under 300 KB, it will not work, and pictures at least 1 MB work best! If you are sending them from a phone, make sure you have marked "original size or quality" in settings. The number one problem with photos sent in is that they are too small!

Email the photos as separate attachments, or compress them into one zip file and email it. If they are very large, you can send each one in a separate email.

Do NOT send pictures as part of a PDF or Word document! Please include who took the pictures and caption information for each one, if possible. Also, in the email's subject line, please put your chapter's name and rally site.

—Yvonne Johnson

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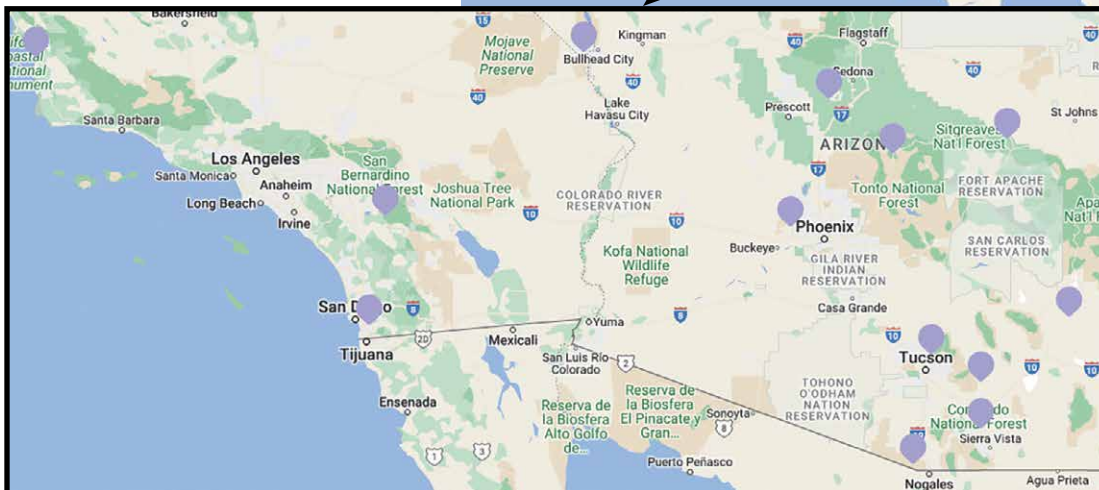
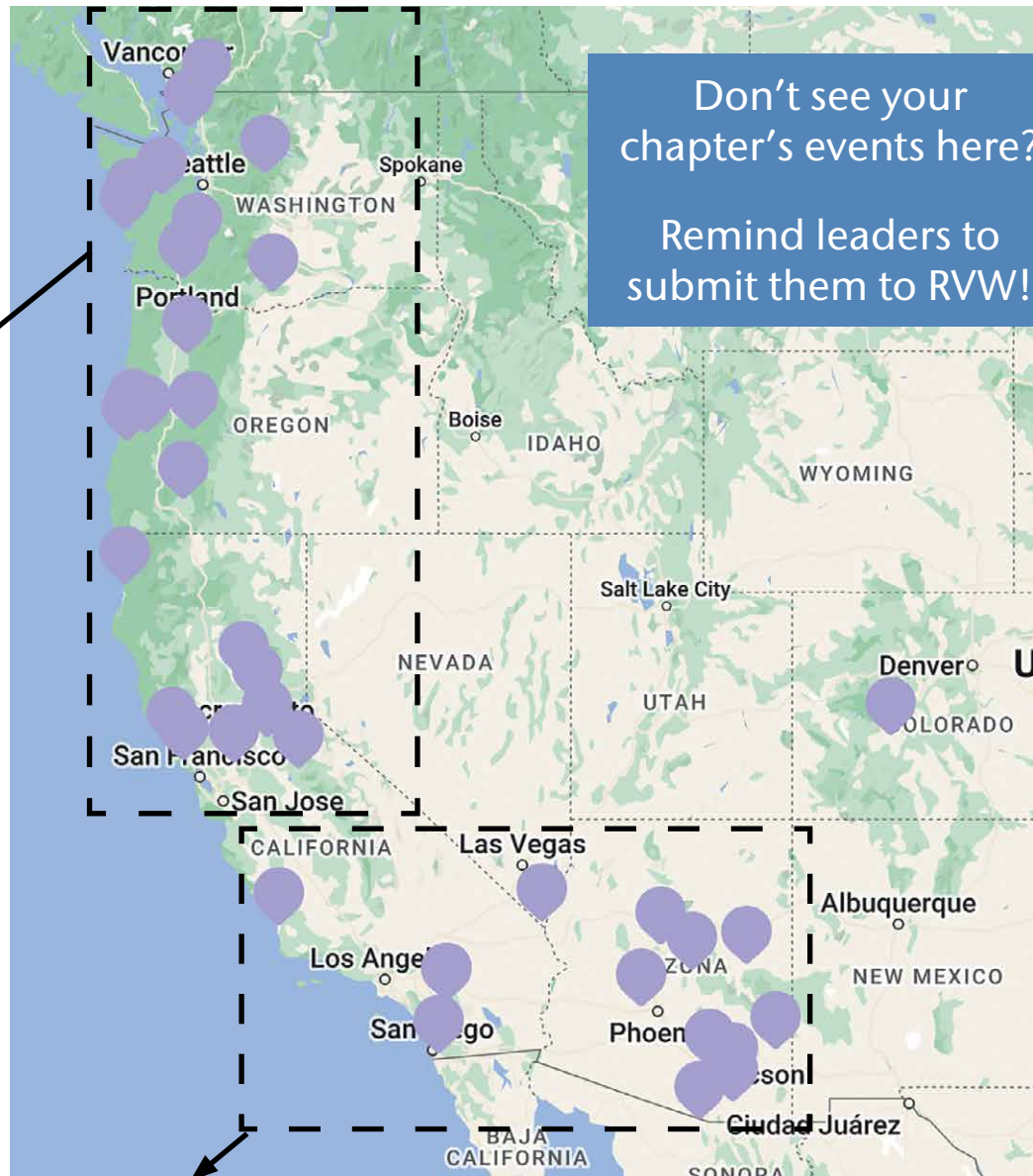


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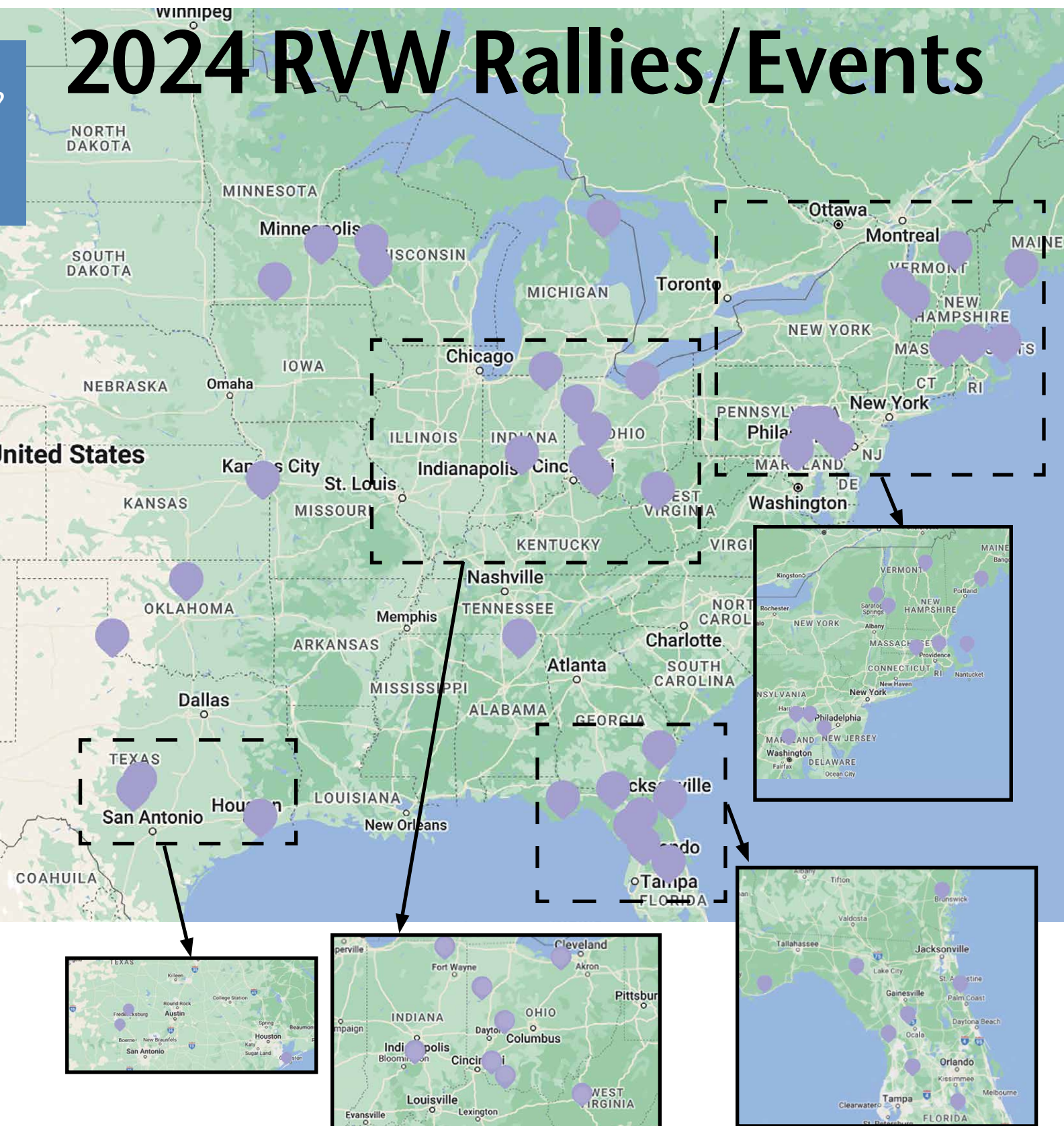
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Rallies/Events



2024 RVW Rallies/Events



MARCH

7-11 Apache Junction, Arizona
11-15 Waddell, Arizona
11-15 Galveston, Texas
14-17 Hoquiam, Washington
14-17 Hemet, California
21-24 Brunswick, Georgia
21-25 Winchester Bay, Oregon

Lost Dutchman State Park
White Tank Mountain Regional Park
Galveston Island State Park
Hoquiam River RV Park
Tucalota Springs RV Park
Coastal Georgia RV Resort
Winchester Bay RV Resort

Arizona Chapter
Arizona Chapter
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Cascadia Chapter
SoCALjourners Chapter
Southeast Wanderers Chapter
Oregon Chapter

APRIL

4-8 Guntersville, Alabama
4-8 Junction, Texas
5-8 Nashville, Indiana
10-26 * Arizona Chapter mini Rolling Rally
10-14 * Safford, Arizona
11-14 Bonita, California
11-17 Grass Valley, California
14-18 * Benson, Arizona
17-21 Keystone Heights, Florida
18-20 Guthrie, Oklahoma
18-21 Silver Creek, Washington
18-22 * Huachuca City, Arizona
18-22 Silverton, Oregon
19-21 Woodbine, Maryland
22-26 * Nogales, Arizona
26-28 Foxborough, Massachusetts
29-May 3 Quitaque, Texas

River Ridge Retreat
Park name not disclosed
Brown County/Nashville KOA Holiday
Roper Lake State Park
Sweetwater Summit Regional Park
Nevada County Fairgrounds
Kartchner Caverns State Park
Keystone Heights RV Resort
Cedar Valley Campground
Harmony Lakeside RV Park
Tombstone Territories RV Park
Silver Spur RV Park
Ramblin' Pines Campground
Patagonia Lake State Park
Normandy Farms
Caprock Canyons State Park

SEW/Heart of Dixie Chapters
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Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Arizona Chapter
Northeast Network
Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

MAY

2-5 Paola, Kansas
2-5 Springfield, Ohio
3-5 Laurel, Delaware
9-13 Tuolumne, California
16-19 Leavenworth, Washington
16-19 Fairmont, Minnesota
16-19 Ocala, Florida
16-20 Elkton, Oregon
16-20 Payson, Arizona
17-19 Batavia, Ohio
17-19 Eastford, Connecticut
28-31 Cannon Falls, Minnesota
30-June 2 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Hillsdale State Park
Buck Creek State Park Campground
Trap Pond State Park
Black Oak Casino RV Park
Icicle Creek RV Park
Flying Goose Campground
Champions Run RV Resort
Elkton RV Resort
Sharp Creek Group Campground #2
East Fork State Park Campground
Charlie Brown Campground
Lake Byllesby Campground
Old Mill Stream Campground

Mid-America Chapter
Ohio River Valley Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
FreeWheelers Chapter
Cascadia Chapter
Lyte Hearts Chapter
Florida Chapter
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JUNE

6-9 Crystal River, Florida
13-16 Anacortes, Washington
13-17 Goldendale, Washington
14-16 Nashville, Indiana
14-16 Boothbay, Maine
17-21 West Salem, Wisconsin
20-23 Oceano, California
20-24 Maysville, Kentucky

Quail Roost RV Park
Fidalgo Bay Resort
Stargazers RV Resort
Brown County State Park West Gate
Shore Hills Campground & RV Park
Neshonoc Lakeside Campground
Pacific Dunes Ranch Campground
The Lively Lady Marina and Campground

Florida Chapter
Cascadia Chapter
Oregon Chapter
Great Lakers Chapter
Northeast Network
Lyte Hearts Chapter
FreeWheelers Chapter
Ohio River Valley Chapter

See pages 44 to 51 for brief descriptions of these 85 events.

Complete info for rallies is on the RVW website – click the **Events** tab.

You can also click here: https://www.rvingwomen.org/events/event_list.asp

JULY

11–14	Westport, Washington	<i>American Sunset RV Park</i>	Cascadia Chapter
11–15	Trinidad, California	<i>Elk Country RV Park</i>	FreeWheelers Chapter
12–14	Lake George, New York	<i>Whippoorwill Campground</i>	Northeast Network
15–19	Westfir, Oregon	<i>Casey's RV Resort</i>	Oregon Chapter
17–21	Wllington, Ohio	<i>Findley State Park</i>	Ohio River Valley Chapter
18–21	Alpena, Michigan	<i>Long Lake County RV Park</i>	Great Lakers Chapter
25–28	Eastpoint, Florida	<i>Coastline RV</i>	Florida Chapter
25–29	Gunnison, Colorado	<i>Gunnison KOA Journey</i>	Rocky Mountain Chapter

AUGUST

1–5	Show Low, Arizona	<i>Fool Hollow Lake State Park</i>	Arizona Chapter
5–9	Adrian, Minnesota	<i>Adrian Municipal Campground</i>	Lyte Hearts Chapter
7–14	Bear, Delaware	<i>Lums Pond State Park</i>	Mid-Atlantic Chapter
8–11	Arlington, Vermont	<i>Camping On The Battenkill</i>	Northeast Network
8–12	Olema, California	<i>Olema Campground</i>	FreeWheelers Chapter
15–18	Hoodsport, Washington	<i>Rest-A-While RV Park</i>	Cascadia Chapter
15–19	Shady Cove, Oregon	<i>Rogue River RV Park</i>	Oregon Chapter
23–25	Littleton, New Hampshire	<i>Crazy Horse Family Campground</i>	Northeast Network
23–26	Albion, Indiana	<i>Chain-O-Lakes State Park</i>	Great Lakers Chapter
29–Sept. 2	Bodega Bay, California	<i>Bodega Bay RV Park</i>	FreeWheelers Chapter
31–Sept. 8	York, Pennsylvania	<i>York Expo Center</i>	RVW National Convention

SEPTEMBER

5–9	Osseo, Wisconsin	<i>Stoney Creek RV Resort</i>	Lyte Hearts Chapter
5–9	Westcliffe, Colorado	<i>Grape Creek RV Park Campgrounds</i>	Rocky Mountain Chapter
11–16	Charleston, West Virginia	<i>Kanawha State Forest Campground</i>	Ohio River Valley Chapter
12–16	Lakeside, Oregon	<i>North Lake RV Resort & Marina</i>	Oregon Chapter
19–22	Langley Township, BC, Canada	<i>Brae Island Regional Park - Fort Camping</i>	Cascadia Chapter
19–22	Fredricksburg, Texas	<i>The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park</i>	Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
26–29	St. Augustine, Florida	<i>St. Augustine RV Resort</i>	Florida Chapter

OCTOBER

3–6	Cottonwood, Arizona	<i>Dead Horse Ranch State Park</i>	Arizona Chapter
3–7	Bethel Island, California	<i>Sugar Barge RV Resort and Marina</i>	FreeWheelers Chapter
10–13	Kelso, Washington	<i>Brookhollow RV Park</i>	Cascadia Chapter
10–14	Brookings, Oregon	<i>Portside RV Park</i>	Oregon Chapter
17–20	Dade City, Florida	<i>Travelers Rest</i>	Florida Chapter
17–20	St. Marys, Ohio	<i>Grand Lake St. Mary State Park</i>	Ohio River Valley Chapter
18–24	Provincetown, Massachusetts	<i>Coastal Acres Campground</i>	Northeast Network
24–27	Tucson, Arizona	<i>Catalina State Park</i>	Arizona Chapter
31–Nov. 3	Lanacaster, Pennsylvania	<i>Old Mill Stream Campground</i>	Mid-Atlantic Chapter

NOVEMBER

14–17	Kerrville, Texas	<i>Old River Road RV Resort</i>	Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter
14–17	Mayo, Florida	<i>Suwannee River Rendezvous</i>	Florida Chapter
21–25	Oroville, California	<i>KOA at Feather Falls Casino</i>	FreeWheelers Chapter

DECEMBER

4–8	Lake Wales, Florida	<i>Resort at Canopy Oaks</i>	Florida Chapter
12–16	Plymouth, California	<i>49er Village RV Resort</i>	FreeWheelers Chapter
30–Jan. 2	Laughlin, Nevada	<i>Big Bend of the Colorado River State Park</i>	Arizona Chapter

CALENDAR

- **NOTE** • Complete details and updates are published online at rvingwomen.org.
- RVW members may participate in chapter and national events wherever they 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.

MARCH

7-11 | Arizona Chapter

Apache Junction, Arizona

Lost Dutchman State Park, 6109 N Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 • 480-982-4485

Dry camping rally in group area. **Reserve:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net), not the park.

11-15 | Arizona Chapter

Waddell, Arizona

White Tank Mountain Regional Park, 20304 W. White Tank Mountain Rd., Waddell, AZ 85355 • 602-506-2930

Dry camping rally in group area. **Reserve:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net), not the park.

11-15 | Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

Galveston, Texas

Galveston Island State Park, 14901 FM3005, Galveston, TX 77554 • 409-737-1222

Activities will be around the Bayside pavilion. **Reserve:** 512-389-8900 or tinyurl.com/TRR-March-2024. **Contact:** Teri Daughtry (817-736-9059) or Charlene Dixon (951-288-5112).

14-17 | Cascadia Chapter

Hoquiam, Washington

Hoquiam River RV Park, 425 Queen Avenue, Hoquiam, WA 98550 • 360-538-2870

Past reservation deadline. Agenda is on Cascadia webpage. **Contact:** Bonnie Yocus and Sharon McAllister (206-456-3070 / artemisvoyager@yahoo.com).

14-17 | SoCALjourners Chapter

Hemet, California

Tucalota Springs RV Park, 41601 East Benton Road, Hemet, CA, 92544

Our annual meeting and chapter has reserved sites. **Contact:** Dorina Green (dorinagreen56@hotmail.com) or Elaine Phillips (mselainePhillips@gmail.com / 203-209-7321).

21-24 | Southeast Wanderers/Florida

Brunswick, Georgia

Coastal Georgia RV Resort, 287 South Port Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31523 • 912-264-3869

Joint rally. **Reserve:** 912-264-3869 or <https://tinyurl.com/SEW-Florida>. **Contact:** Mary Trauner, SEW (678-358-3669 / marytrauner@gmail.com) Donna Remsnyder, Florida (dremnsnyder1@gmail.com) or Michael Gruccio, Florida (mgruccio01@bellsouth.net).

21-25 | Oregon Chapter

Winchester Bay, Oregon

Winchester Bay RV Resort, 120 Marina Way, Winchester Bay, OR 97467 • 541-271-0287 • winchesterbayresort.com

Reserve: Call park; if online, you lose discounts. **Contact:** Lynda Haghan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after booking. Paulette Beliveau (oregon_arch@yahoo.com) for questions.

APRIL

4-8 | Heart of Dixie/Southeast Wanderers

Guntersville, Alabama

River Ridge Retreat, 2450 Monsanto, Road, Guntersville, AL, 35976 • 256-505-1454 • riverridgeguntersville.com

Joint rally with kayaking, hiking, more. **Reserve:** Call Mary at the park, 256-505-1454. Then register at <http://tinyurl.com/SEW-HOD-April-2024>. **Contact:** Mary Struble (marys2196@aol.com / 309-357-1933) and Diana Charlton (309-357-1933) from the Heart of Dixie and Mary Trauner (678-358-3669 / mary@mtrauner.net) from Southeast Wanderers.

4-8 | Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

Junction, Texas

Junction is in the path of the total solar eclipse. This is just a reminder for chapter members since this rally is sold out. Sorry we cannot accommodate any other RVW members.

5-8 | Great Lakers Chapter

Nashville, Indiana

Brown County/Nashville KOA Holiday, 2248 State Road 46E, Nashville, IN 47448 • 800-562-9132

Viewing the solar eclipse. **Reserve:** Call the KOA office to see if sites are available. **Contact:** Email Amy McCracken (mccracken1994@gmail.com / 847-436-9880) after reserving with names, arrival dates, and site number.

10-26 | Arizona Chapter Rolling Rally

Southeastern and Southern Arizona

Join one or all. Contact below if no sites available.

10-14 • Roper Lake State Park, 101 East Roper Lake Road, Safford, AZ 85546 • 928-428-6760

Stop #1. **Reserve:** azstateparks.com/roper-lake/ in Cottonwood or Hacienda. **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) with name, site and dates, or to host activities.

14-18 • Kartchner Caverns State Park, 2980 AZ-90, Benson, AZ 85602 • 520-586-4100

Stop #2. **Reserve:** azstateparks.com/kartchner/ in Lower then Upper Loop. **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) with name, site and dates, or to host activities.

18–22 • Tombstone Territories RV Park, 2111 East Highway 82, Huachuca City, AZ 85616 • 520-457-2584

Stop #3. **Reserve:** Call park (520-457-2584) and say you are with RVW group. **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) with name, site and dates, or to host activities.

22–26 • Patagonia Lake State Park, 400 Patagonia Lake Road, Nogales, AZ 85621 • 520-287-6965

Final Stop. **Reserve:** azstateparks.com/patagonia-lake in West Loop (CHECK site size). **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) with name, site, dates, or to host activities.

11–14 | SoCALjourners Chapter

Bonita, California

Sweetwater Summit Regional Park, 41601 East Benton Road, Hemet, CA, 92544

Enjoy 15 miles of trails that meander up and down the hill, along a stream and with spectacular views of the reservoir at this Keep-It-Simple-SoCAL rally. **Reserve:** Call 858-565-3600 OR 877-565-3600; hosts are in sites 61 and 80. **Contact:** Roni Krauthaim (ronik145@hotmail.com) or Elaine Phillips (203-209-7321/mselaineiphillips@gmail.com) for questions).

11–17 | FreeWheelers Chapter

Grass Valley, California

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949 • 530-273-6217

Shake Out Camp Out for hands-on maintenance education with a rig-to-rig walkabout, trailer backing contest, barbecue and spaghetti dinners. **Reserve:** tinyurl.com/FWGrassValley. **Contact:** Beth Gilliam (925-822-5433/Bgilliamconst@aol.com) and Laurel Sagen (916-583-0890/laurelsagen@hotmail.com).

17–21 | Florida Chapter

Keystone Heights, Florida

Keystone Heights RV Resort, 3218 Summit Meadow Road, Bonita, CA, 91902 • Park: 619-472-7572

Plenty of park amenities. **Reserve:** Call the park and then RSVP on website events calendar. **Contact:** Stephanie (352-645-4330) for information.

18–20 | Mid-America Chapter

Guthrie, Oklahoma

Cedar Valley Campground, 725 Masters Drive, Guthrie, OK 73044 • 405-282-4478

Parade, festival, dinners as we celebrate the 135th Land Run. **Reserve:** Call the park. **Contact:** Sharon Allmon (skallmon635@gmail.com) with number in RV or if you have trouble getting a site.

18–21 | Cascadia Chapter

Silver Creek, Washington

Harmony Lakeside RV Park, 563 State Route 122, Silver Creek, WA 98585 • 360-983-3804

Kitchen and clubhouse. Agenda is on Cascadia webpage. **Reserve:** Call the park and then click on REGISTER on Cascadia website form. **Contact:** Lori Nadeau (360-480-5538/nadeau14@centurylink.net).

18–22 | Oregon Chapter

Silverton, Oregon

Silver Spur RV Park, 12622 Silverton Road, Silverton, OR 97381 • 503-873-2020 • silverspurrvpark.com

Cabins and outdoor patio with heaters. **Reserve:** Call the park and identify as part of Oregon RVW. **Contact:** Lynda Hagan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after booking. Paulette Beliveau (oregon_arch@yahoo.com).

19–21 | Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Woodbine, Maryland

Ramblin' Pines Campground, 801 Hoods Mill Road, Woodbine, MD 21797 • ramblinpinescampground.com • 410-795-5161

Our Weekend in the Pines Kickoff Rally. **Reserve:** Details to come. **Contact:** Kathy Healy / Sandy Bosley, (foldedladies@comcast.net, 410-967-9260).

26–28 | Northeast Network

Foxborough, Massachusetts

Normandy Farms, 72 West Street, Foxboro, MA 02035 • 866-673-2767 • www.normandyfarms.com

Our season-opening event with heated pool, sauna and Food Truck Festival offering music and beer gardens. **Contact:** Sunny Courage (sunnycourage42@gmail.com).

29–May 3 | Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

Quitaque, Texas

Caprock Canyons State Park, 850 State Park Rd, Quitaque TX 79252 • 806-455-1492

View stars, hike, fish, swim, bike, geocache, boat and shop. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/TRR-Caprock in Honey Flat or Lake Theo areas. **Contact:** Teri Daughtry (817-736-9059), Deb Bairrington (210-260-9275) or Elaine Phipps (325-270-2361).

MAY

2–5 | Ohio River Valley Chapter

Springfield, Ohio

Buck Creek State Park Campground, 1976 Buck Creek Lane, Springfield, OH 45502 • 937-327-4590

Near a winery, nature preserves, trails, fishing, boating, and historic sights. **Reserve:** At reserveohio.com or by calling 866-644-6727. **Contact:** Sara Stratton (707-694-7460 / SStratton@sonic.net) if you are attending the rally.

2–5 | Mid-America Chapter

Paola, Kansas

Hillsdale State Park, 26001 West 255th Street, Paola, KS 66071 • 913-594-3600

Maintenance rally offers RV repairs, washing, waxing. **Reserve:** View sites at reserveamerica.com but call park to reserve. **For service:** Call John (816-204-1092) for RV wash/wax appointment. Call Ed (913-893-6949) for a part ahead of time. **Contact:** Sandy Goseland (lockup@betabites.com) after reserving or Sandi Pointelin (mopo@att.net) for questions.

3-5 | Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Laurel, Delaware

Trap Pond State Park, 1068 Howell School Road, Bear, DE 19701 • 302-368-6989**Reserve:** In Loop C, B or D at reserveamerica.com and search for Trap Pond State Park, Laurel DE. **Contact:** Donna Racine (dr954551@gmail.com) or Karen Scott (kscott1858@gmail.com) with site number, dates booked or for questions.**9-13 | FreeWheelers Chapter**

Tuolumne, California

Black Oak Casino RV Park, 19380 Tuolumne Rd., North Tuolumne, CA 95379 • 877-747- 8777Near Yosemite and gold country, gaming, bowling, dog park, pool and spa. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWtuolumne. **Contact:** Mary McCanta (415-716-6017/mary@mccanta.com) and Claudia Erickson (916-214-7540/cje13@att.net).**16-19 | Cascadia Chapter**

Leavenworth, Washington

Icicle Creek RV Park, 7305 Icicle Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826 • 509-548-5420**Reserve:** Follow directions online at RVingWomen.org under Events or call the park and then click on REGISTER on Cascadia website form. If you have problems, call Byrdie (360-303-5416). **Contact:** Monica Carr and Cara Ernst (carrclassics@gmail.com/mcarr.cernst@gmail.com/206-226-6755).**16-19 | Lyte Hearts Chapter**

Fairmont, Minnesota

Flying Goose Campground, 2521 115th Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 • 507-235-3458Special project before rally, shared desserts and appetizers, bring instruments for sing along. **Reserve:** Call park and say you are with Lyte Hearts. Stay six nights get seventh free. **Contact:** Diane Monson and Lynn Cooch (lynn@coochs.com).**16-19 | Florida Chapter**

Ocala, Florida

Champions Run RV Resort, 4213 NW 27 Place, Ocala, FL 34482 • 352-322-2992Chapter has 20 sites reserved. **Reserve:** Call park before May 1 and say you are with Florida RVW. RSVP on website events calendar. **Contact:** Maryann Parker (maryann21950@gmail.com).**16-20 | Arizona Chapter**

Payson, Arizona

Sharp Creek - Group Campground #2, Tonto National Forest, Payson, AZ 85541 • 928-474-7900Dry camping in group area. **Reserve:** With Karen Borowski (karenborowski5@gmail.com), NOT the park. **Contact:** Sue Shaw (sbizshaw@gmail.com) or Marie Mullarkey (mtlarkey@yahoo.com) with questions or to facilitate or host activities.**16-20 | Oregon Chapter**

Elkton, Oregon

Elkton RV Resort, 450 River Drive, Elkton, OR 97436 • 541-584-2832 • elktonrvpark.comFavorite campground on Umpqua River. **Reserve:** Call the park and identify as part of Oregon RVW. **Contact:** Lynda Haghan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after booking. Paulette Beliveau (oregon_arch@yahoo.com) for questions.**17-19 | Great Lakers Chapter**

Batavia, Ohio

East Fork State Park Campground, 2837 Old State Rt 32, Batavia, OH 45106 • 866-644-6727 • reserveohio.comKayak/bike rentals, miniature golf, karaoke, museums, shopping. **Reserve:** In Loop C at reserveohio.com or by calling 866-644-6727. **Contact:** Trish Hart (trishhart500@gmail.com) and Janet Phillips to say you are coming.**17-19 | Northeast Network**

Eastford, Connecticut

Charlie Brown Campground, 98 Chaplin Road, Eastford, CT 06242 • 860-974-0142NEN's own Kentucky Derby with a Derby Hat contest, virgin Mint Juleps and share your favorite appetizer. **Contact:** Linda Perry (ldperryen@gmail.com) or Sunny Courage (sunnycourage42@gmail.com).**28-31 | Lyte Hearts Chapter**

Cannon Falls, Minnesota

Lake Byllesby Campground, 8150 295th Street, East Cannon Falls, MN 55009A beautiful Dakota County Campground on the lake. **Reserve:** Online on or around March 9 at <http://co.dakota.mn.us>. **Contact:** Colleen Watson (ckwatson110@gmail.com).**30-June 2 | Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Old Mill Stream Campground, 2249 Lincoln Highway E, Lancaster, PA 17602 • dutchwonderland.com • 717-299-2314More info to come! **Reserve:** Email Lee Ensor at (megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com). **Contact:** Marsha Adelson (bass51@comcast.net) or Laurie Boyer (luf2fly1976@comcast.net).

These monthly meetings are virtual!

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Link is on the website under Events.

New Member Orientation is virtual on the first Sunday of each month starting at 4 p.m. Pacific time. RSVP on website to get meeting link.

Member Fireside Chat is virtual on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 4 p.m. Pacific time. A link is emailed to all members.

JUNE

6–9 | Florida Chapter

Crystal River, Florida

Quail Roost RV Park, 9835 North Citrus Avenue, Crystal River, FL 34428 • 352-563-0404

Cool off in nearby springs, play horseshoes or swim at resort.

Reserve: Call the park, tell them you are with Florida RVW. Then RSVP on website events calendar. **Contact:** Donna Remsnyder (dremnsnyder1@gmail.com) to host or with questions.

13–16 | Cascadia Chapter

Anacortes, Washington

Fidalgo Bay Resort, 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road, Anacortes, WA 98221 • Info: 360-877-9474Enjoy Fidalgo Bay's birds and seals. **Reserve:** Call 360-293-5353 and say you are with Cascadia as they have set aside sites. Please register on the RVW website. There is no tent camping or early departure refunds. Event captains are needed.

13–17 | Oregon Chapter

Goldendale, Washington

Stargazers RV Resort, 800 East Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620 • 509-773-7837 • stargazersrvresort.comSee park's website for amenities/services. **Reserve:** Call the park and identify as part of Oregon RVW. **Contact:** Lynda Haghan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after booking. Paulette Beliveau (541-221-8811) for questions.

14–16 | Great Lakers Chapter

Nashville, Indiana

Brown County State Park West Gate, 1405 S.R. 46 West, Nashville, IN 47448 • tinyurl.com/GL-June • 812-988-6406Biking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, pool, tennis, birding trail, near craft/antique stores, train tour, restaurants. **Reserve:** Online and try for Buffalo Ridge or Raccoon Ridge area. Do NOT use park's North Entrance (covered bridge). **Contact:** Chris and Darcey Schafer (dlschafer12@gmail.com).

14–16 | Northeast Network

Boothbay, Maine

Shore Hills Campground & RV Park, 553 Wiscasset Road, Boothbay, ME 04537 • 207-633-4782Our lobster bake, along with miniature golf, ice cream, harbor visit or boat ride. **Contact:** Sunny Courage (sunnycourage42@gmail.com) to host, volunteer to help or with questions.

20–23 | FreeWheelers/SoCALjourners

Oceano, California

Pacific Dunes Ranch Campground, 1205 Silver Spur Place, Oceano, CA 93445 • 805-489-7787Joint rally with SoCALjourners. Beach, swimming, fishing, surfing, biking, hiking. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWOceano. **Contact:** Kate Carpenter (FreeWheelers, 707-480-4837/ chatsmere50@yahoo.com) and Diane Hines (SoCALjourners, 714-318-7756/dhines7649@aol.com).

28–31 | Lyte Hearts Chapter

West Salem, Wisconsin

Neshonoc Lakeside Campground, N5334 Neshonoc Road, West Salem, WI 54669Explore this new rally site. **Reserve:** Call 844-289-6234 and ask for Kelsie or Katie. Sites held for RVW until March 17, 2024.**Contact:** Jan Brady (bradyimages@yahoo.com) or Kay Andera (redbug@midstatesd.net) for questions.

20–24 | Ohio River Valley Chapter

Maysville, Kentucky

The Lively Lady Marina and Campground, 995 US-52, Aberdeen, OH 45101Near a distillery, nature preserves, hiking trails, restaurants and historic sights. **Reserve:** Text Gitta Wahrenburg (859-380-9349) ASAP. \$10 rally fee payable upon arrival. **Contact:** Gitta Wahrenburg (859-380-9349 / gitlin@live.com) with questions.

JULY

11–14 | Cascadia Chapter

Wesport, Washington

American Sunset RV Park, 1209 North Montesano Street, Westport, Washington 98595 • 360-268-0207Our *Taste of Italy* auction. Agenda on Cascadia web page in June. **Reserve:** Call the park (360-268-0207) and then click on REGISTER on Cascadia website form. **Contact:** Heather McFarlane (206-295-2022/hmcfar@comcast.net) or Joan Christoffels (206-715-5135/jersey82754@comcast.net).

11–15 | FreeWheelers Chapter

Trinidad, California

Elk Country RV Park, 216 Idlewood Lane, Trinidad, CA 95570 • 707-488-2181Explore beaches and coastal towns, walk through Redwoods and see Roosevelt Elk from your RV. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWTrinidad. **Contact:** Mary McCanta (415-716-6017/mary@mccanta.com) and Kim Garl (707-478-0508/kimfg555@gmail.com).

12–14 | Northeast Network

Lake George, New York

Whippoorwill Campground, 1784 New York Hwy 9, Lake George, NY 12845 • whippoorwilllakegeorge.com • 518-668-5565Near the lake and outlet shopping (trolley to outlets) with biking/hiking trails, on-site winery and swimming pool. **Contact:** Sunny Courage (sunnycourage42@gmail.com) to host, volunteer to help or with questions.

15–19 | Oregon Chapter

Westfir, Oregon

Casey's RV Resort, 46443 Westfir Road, Westfir, Oregon 97492 • 541-782-1906 • caseysrvpark.comOlder rig restrictions, see website. **Reserve:** Call the park and identify as part of Oregon RVW. **Contact:** Lynda Haghan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after booking. Paulette Beliveau (541-221-8811) for questions.

Make reservations as far in advance
as possible since space is limited.

17–21 | Ohio River Valley Chapter**Wellington, Ohio****Findley State Park**, 25381 St Rt 58, Wellington, OH 44090
• 440-647-5749Hiking, biking, boating, archery, disc golf, fishing, paddling, near Buckeye Trail, Amish country and underground railroad museum. **Reserve:** At reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb/. \$10 rally fee. **Contact:** Missy Merrill, Anna Binnie and Karin Huth (missle05@yahoo.com/440-506-2677) after reserving.**18–21 | Great Lakers Chapter****Alpena, Michigan****Long Lake County RV Park**, 10002 Hinks Park Rd., Alpena, MI 49707 • 989-595-2401 • tinyurl.com/GL-July
Kayaking (park has rentals) biking, fishing, fossil hunting and near shipwrecks and lighthouses. **Reserve:** Call Sara at 989-595-2401. **Contact:** René Gray (kixs42@mail.com/210-488-5249) to say you are attending the rally.**25–28 | Florida Chapter****Eastpoint, Florida****Coastline RV**, 957 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, FL 32328
• 850-799-1016We might be in this quaint coastal town during scallop season! **Reserve:** Call Krista at the park (850-799-1016), then RSVP on the RVW website calendar.**25–29 | Rocky Mountain Chapter****Gunnison, Colorado****Gunnison KOA Journey**, 105 CO RD 50, Gunnison, CO 81230 • koa.com/campgrounds/gunnison/ • 970-641-1358
Fish, bike, hike, raft, float, dine, and shop within minutes of campground, which has a dog park and petting zoo. **Reserve:** Call Susie at 970-641-1358 or online at koa.com/campgrounds/Gunnison and say you are with RVW. **Contact:** Carole Bieshaar (303-888-6880) with name, dates, site number, and potluck offering— something unique to where you live. **ALERT:** Expect construction delays Monday through Friday on Hwy 50 between Montrose and Gunnison (see us50info.com).

AUGUST

1–5 | Arizona Chapter**Show Low, Arizona****Fool Hollow State Park**, 1500 North Fool Hollow Lake, Show Low, AZ 85901 • 928-537-3680Kayaking, hiking, near restaurants. **Reserve:** At azstateparks.com/reserve/#fool-hollow/camping. Book in Ruddy Duck or Cinnamon Teal loops. **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) with name, site, dates, or to help.**5–9 | Lyte Hearts Chapter****Adrian, Minnesota****Adrian Municipal Campground**, 501 Franklin Street, Adrian, MN 56110 • 507-483-2820A new rally site in south central Minnesota. **Reserve:** Call the campground at 507-483-2820. Sites held for RVW until July. **Contact:** Linda Radimecky (liradimecky@comcast.net) or Laurie Landry (laurielandry506@yahoo.com) for questions.**7–14 | Mid-Atlantic Chapter****Bear, Delaware****Lums Pond State Park**, 1068 Howell School Road, Bear, DE 19701 • 302-368-6989**Reserve:** Go to reserveamerica.com and search for Lums Pond State Park, Bear DE. **Contact:** Glenys Riley (glenys.riley@gmail.com) or Darla Joslyn (darla.joslyn@gmail.com) for questions.**8–11 | Northeast Network****Arlington, Vermont****Camping On The Battenkill**, 48 Camping on the Battenkill, Arlington, VT 05250 • 802-375-6663 • website: campingonthebattenkill.comSpacious sites on the river, in the forest or in open fields. Swimming, tubing, fishing, guided tours, nearby beach and covered bridge. **Contact:** Sunny Courage (sunnycourage42@gmail.com) to host, volunteer to help or with questions.**8–12 | FreeWheelers Chapter****Olema, California****Olema Campground**, 10155 Highway 1, Olema, CA 94950
• 800-655-2267Near Point Reyes National Seashore, enjoy bird watching, hiking, kayaking, relaxing on beach, horseshoes, shuffleboard and more. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWOlema. **Contact:** Gail Roberson (530-339-0735/francesgrobertson@gmail.com), Susan Meyers (707-972-5923/susananded@comcast.net) or Becky Burton-Ash (530-945-0583/beckyburtonash@gmail.com).**15–18 | Cascadia Chapter****Hoodsport, Washington****Rest-A-While RV Park**, 27001 US 101, Hoodsport, WA 98548 • 360-877-9474There is a kitchen and clubhouse. Agenda on Cascadia web page. **Reserve:** Call the park (360-877-9474) but leave ONLY one message. Then click on REGISTER on Cascadia website form. **Contact:** Joan Christoffels (206-715-5135/jersey82754@comcast.net) with questions.**15–19 | Oregon Chapter****Shady Cove, Oregon****Rogue River RV Park**, 21800 Crater Lake Hwy, Shady Cove, OR 97539 • 541-878-2402 • edgewaterinns.comThis is our first visit to this park. **Reserve:** Call the park and identify as part of Oregon RVW. **Contact:** Lynda Haghan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after reserving to get on list and receive agenda. Paulette Beliveau (541-221-8811) for questions.**23–25 | Northeast Network****Littleton, New Hampshire****Crazy Horse Family Campground**, 788 Hilltop Road, Littleton, NH 03561 • 603-444-2204 • crazyhorsenh.comWe'll visit the Cog Railway and a Guinness World Records winning candy store. **Contact:** Sunny Courage (sunnycourage42@gmail.com) to host, volunteer to help or with questions.Complete (and much more detailed)
information at rvingwomen.org

23–26 | Great Lakers Chapter

Albion, Indiana

Chain-O-Lakes State Park, 2355 East 75 South, Albion, IN 46701 • 260-636-2654 • on.IN.gov/chainolakesp
 Kayak nine connected lakes, hike, fish, nature center and historic schoolhouse. We will also have a stopover in Ohio August 27 to 30 on the way to York, Pennsylvania for convention. **Reserve:** On website and try for electric sites in the 360's and 370's. **Contact:** Maureen Shaughnessy (maughnessy@comcas.net).

29–Sept. 2 | FreeWheelers Chapter

Bodega Bay, California

Bodega Bay RV Park, 2001 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923 • 707-875-3701

Easy access to ocean, whale watching, marine lab, park has putting green, fenced dog run, horseshoes. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWBodega. **Contact:** Kristine Nymoen (916-205-9834/kmnymoen02@gmail.com) and Vicki Byrd (209-815-4146/vbyrd61@gmail.com).

31–Sept. 8 | RVW National Convention

York, Pennsylvania

York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA 17404
 Save the date for our 2024 national convention being held in York, Pennsylvania! See pages 20-21 for more information in the magazine and watch on the website.

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SEPTEMBER**5–8 | Lyte Hearts Chapter**

Osseo, Wisconsin

Stoney Creek RV Resort, 50483 Oak Grove Road, Osseo, WI 54758 • 715-597-2102

Our final rally of the year. **Reserve:** Call 715-597-2102 and ask for Tia. **Contact:** Mary Lingelbach (mlingelbach@neb.rr.com), Ruth Kupfer (rkupfer@neb.rr.com), or Jeanne Carte (rvingdogmom@att.net).

5–9 | Rocky Mountain Chapter

Westcliffe, Colorado

Grape Creek RV Park Campgrounds & Cabins, 56491 State Highway 69, Westcliffe, CO 81252 • 719-783-2588 • grapecreekrv.net

Stargazing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, boating, wine tasting, historic sites and restaurants, all at 8,000 feet elevation. **Reserve:** Reservation form on park website and staff will contact you by phone to select site. **Contact:** Jean Jasmine (jeanjas238@gmail.com) to say you have a reservation.

11–16 | Ohio River Valley Chapter

Charleston, West Virginia

Kanawha State Forest Campground, 7500 State Forest Dr., Charleston, WV 25314 • 304-558-3500

Guided hikes, wildlife programs, ADA nature trail, geocaching, fishing and horseback riding. Near state capitol, museums, farmers market, planetarium. Salt works tour, scenic train ride and bakery tour. **Reserve:** Call ranger (304-558-3500) so he can fit you onto a site; only a few fit large rigs. Tell him you are with RVW. Do NOT make your reservations online or you might take a site we want to save for larger rigs. \$10 rally fee. **Contact:** Pam Krcmar (330-687-0469/pamkrcmar@gmail.com) and Wendy and let them know you are attending. **ALERT:** Come from Charleston on routes 119 and 23, other routes are bad for rigs.

12–16 | Oregon Chapter

Lakeside, Oregon

North Lake RV Resort & Marina, 2090 North Lake Road, Lakeside, OR 97449 • 541-759-3515

Save the date! Calendar planning only. **Reserve:** Do NOT call park until later. Reservation desk will open around April 1. **Contact:** Paulette Beliveau (541-221-8811) for questions.

19–22 | Cascadia Chapter

Langley Township, British Columbia, Canada

Brae Island Regional Park – Fort Camping Campsites, 9451 Glover Road, Langley Township, BC, V1M 2R9, Canada • 604-888-3678

We're heading to Canada again! **Reserve:** Call the park (604-888-3678) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Then click on REGISTER on Cascadia website form. **Contact:** Kathy Oxner (760-900-7637/kathyoxner@gmail.com) with questions.

**Don't see your chapter's events here?
Remind leaders to submit them!**

19–22 | Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter

Fredericksburg, Texas

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park, 2647 North Highway 87, Fredericksburg TX 78624 • 830-992-1237
Central Texas Hill Country known for German architecture, cuisine, shopping, wineries, antiques and crafts. **Reserve:** Call the park, they are holding sites until August 1. Rally rate good a few days before and after. **Contact:** Midge Breslof (210-823-1013/midge78253@gmail.com) to let her know you are attending.

26–29 | Florida Chapter

St. Augustine, Florida

St. Augustine RV Resort, 1505 State Road 207, St. Augustine, FL 32086 • 904-824-9840
Lots to see and do in nation's oldest city. **Reserve:** Call the park and tell them you are Florida RVW. Then RSVP on website events calendar. **Contact:** Nancy (904-824-9840) with questions or to volunteer to host.

RVW welcomes all types of rigs, but some campgrounds do not

While RVing Women welcomes women with all types of RVs, even tents, members should check the specific requirements of the campgrounds where rallies are being held.

Some campgrounds have restrictions on types of camping allowed, types of RVs, even how old they can be. There may also be restrictions on number and breeds of pets.

Chapters try to find sites to accommodate any members, but they must follow campground rules. Chapter leaders try to have a mix of campground types for rallies (private, state parks, etc.) to make sure everyone can participate.

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*But there may be rig restrictions depending on the campground.

OCTOBER

3–6 | Arizona Chapter

Cottonwood, Arizona

Dead Horse Ranch State Park, 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 • 928-634-5283
Birding, hiking, fishing, visit wineries and historic Jerome. **Reserve:** At azstateparks.com in Quail Loop or Red-Tailed Hawk. **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) after reserving with name(s), site and dates. Marie Mullarkey (mtlarkey@yahoo.com) for questions or to host an activity.

3–7 | FreeWheeler's Chapter

Bethel Island, California

Sugar Barge RV Resort and Marina, 1440 Sugar Barge Rd, Bethel Island, CA 94511 • 800-799-4100
Annual membership meeting (10 a.m. Saturday), kayaking, boating and bird watching on the Delta. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWBethel. **Contact:** Mary McCanta (415-716-6017/mary@mccanta.com).

10–13 | Cascadia Chapter

Kelso, Washington

Brookhollow RV Park, 2506 Allen Street, Kelso, WA 98626 • 360-577-6474
It's *Christmas in October!* **Reserve:** Do NOT call the park, ONLY USE the registration form on the Cascadia web page. **Contact:** Bonnie Yocus (773-456-3070/artemisvoyager@yahoo.com) for registration questions. Marci Senger (96senger@gmail.com/360-446-6039) or Joanne Wiszmann for other questions.



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10–14 | Oregon Chapter**Brookings, Oregon**

Portside RV Park, 16219 Lower Harbor Road, Brookings, OR 97415 • 541-469-6616 • portsiderv.com

A new park and last rally of the season. **Reserve:** Call the park and identify as part of Oregon RVW. **Contact:** Lynda Hagan (16lynhagn40@charter.net) after reserving. Paulette Beliveau (541-221-8811) for questions.

17–20 | Florida Chapter**Dade City, Florida**

Travelers Rest, 29129 Johnston Road, Dade City, FL 33523 • 352-588-2013

We love this park and area! **Reserve:** Call the park (352-588-2013), then RSVP on the RVW website calendar. **Contact:** Donna Remsnyder (dremsnyder1@gmail.com) to host or if you have questions.

17–20 | Ohio River Valley Chapter**St. Marys, Ohio**

Grand Lake St. Mary State Park, 834 Edgewater Drive, St. Marys, OH 45885

Swimming, kayaking, fishing, games, pumpkin decorating/carving and museum visits. **Reserve:** At (reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb/) starting April 17 and try for sites 23-48. \$10 rally fee upon arrival. **Contact:** Beth Dieter (beth.dieter@gmail.com) or Jan Balala (jbkayaker@mac.com) for questions.

18–24 | Northeast Network**Provincetown, Massachusetts**

Coastal Acres Campground, 76R Bayberry Avenue, Provincetown, MA 02657 • 508-487-1700 • website: coastalacresprovincetown.com

It's *P-Town Women's Week* with music, art and other events for women, by women. **Reserve:** On the park's website. They are holding sites for us. **Contact:** Zoe Piccard and friends (zoecool@hotmail.com) or Sunny Courage, rally coordinator (sunnycourage42@gmail.com) with questions.

24–27 | Arizona Chapter**Tucson, Arizona**

Catalina State Park, 11570 N Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85737 • azstateparks.com

Halloween rally with crafts, hiking, biking and fun. **Reserve:** At azstateparks.com. **Contact:** Madeline Borthick (trndir@sbcglobal.net) after reserving with name(s), site and dates, to host an activity, or with questions.

31–Nov. 3 | Mid-Atlantic Chapter**Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

Old Mill Stream Campground, 2249 Lincoln Highway E, Lancaster, PA 17602 • dutchwonderland.com • 717-299-2314

More information about our fun pre-Thanksgiving rally will come later. **Reserve:** Email Lee Ensor at (megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com). **Contact:** Margaret Taylor (megtaylor.taylor@gmail.com) for questions.

Remember to see complete details at
rvingwomen.org under *Events*

NOVEMBER**14–17 | Florida Chapter****Mayo, Florida**

Suwannee River Rendezvous, 828 NE Primrose Road, Mayo, FL 32066 • 386-401-4857

Pigeon races, chicken poo bingo, and kayaking (rentals available) the Suwannee River. **Reserve:** Call the park (Passport America discount), then RSVP on the RVW website calendar. **Contact:** Donna Remsnyder (dremsnyder1@gmail.com) to host or if you have questions.

14–17 | Texas Ramblin' Roses Chapter**Kerrville, Texas**

Old River Road RV Resort, 310 Colvin Ranch Road, Kerrville TX 78028 • 830-634-2993

Our annual meeting. **Reserve:** Do NOT make online. Call the park Monday to Friday and say you are part of TRR to get discount. **Contact:** Teresa Johnson (trr.seretaery.tcj@gmail.com) to let her know you are attending.

21–25 | FreeWheelers Chapter**Oroville, California**

KOA at Feather Falls Casino, #1 Feather Falls Blvd., Oroville, CA 95966 • 800-562-5079

Casino with gaming, restaurants and bars, live entertainment. **Reserve:** At tinyurl.com/FWOroville. **Contact:** Meggi Raeder (650-505-0289/mraeder33@gmail.com) and Nina Gordon (916-804-3246/ninagordon55@gmail.com).

DECEMBER**4–8 | Florida Chapter****Lake Wales, Florida**

Resort at Canopy Oaks, 16950 County Road 630, Lake Wales, FL 33898 • 863-213-0346 / 407-630-7000

End-of-year rally. **Reserve:** Call the park and ask for our reserved sites 332 to 352, then RSVP on the RVW website calendar. **Contact:** Donna Remsnyder (dremsnyder1@gmail.com) to host or if you have questions.

12–16 | FreeWheelers Chapter**Plymouth, California**

49er Village RV Resort, 18265 Highway 49, Plymouth, CA 95669 • 209-245-6981

Visit historic mining towns, golf courses, wineries, swimming, biking, campground has on-site food service. **Reserve:** At rvwfreewheelers.org/2024-events. **Contact:** Laurel Sagen (916-583-0890/laurelsagen@hotmail.com).

30–Jan. 2 | Arizona Chapter**Laughlin, Nevada**

Big Bend of the Colorado River State Park, 4220 S Needles Highway, Laughlin, NV 89029 • 702-298-1859

Hiking, off roading to Christmas Tree Pass, casinos and fireworks. **Reserve:** At parks.nv.gov/parks/big-bend-of-the-colorado in Loop 1. **Contact:** Karen Borowski (karenborowski5@gmail.com) with name(s), site and dates. Marie Mullarkey (mtlarkey@yahoo.com) to host an activity or for questions.

This month's Tech Time is from Barbara (Jordy) Jording, who is an RVIA/RVDA Certified RV Technician living in the cold Pacific Northwest. She and her wife Liz Wharton have been teaching RV maintenance classes at convention, writing RV repair articles and serving as Tail Gunners on RV caravans for years. They got their first RV in 1992.

YES! You can still go RVing when it's

Winter Camping

Temperatures dropping?
Sky turning gray?
Don't hang up your keys,
not yet anyway!
But, how do I camp
when the weather is chill?
Won't my RV pipes freeze up
bulging, popping and ill?
Not necessarily, quoth Jordy
precautions you must take
For camping in winter is simply a thrill
with the snow-gal you make!

—Liz Wharton



If you like being in snow or visiting family living in colder environments, follow these hints, and your RV will be capable of operating effectively in harsh conditions. So, go for the adventure!



Water Systems

Starting with the fresh water lines, attempt to locate and trace their route through your RV, from the hose hookup to the faucets and water heater. Many of these 1/2" lines are found inside cabinets inside the RV, which will provide protection from freezing while keeping yourself cozy - just leave the cabinet doors open and set up small battery-operated fans to circulate warm air if in very cold weather. If you find water lines under the RV or inside unheated water bay cabinets, you can cover the lines with split foam insulation. Be sure to protect all around the water pump, including the small filter, but don't wrap the motor itself, which might cause overheating.

If your fresh water bay is not heated, I recommend using a 100W poultry or reptile ceramic heat emitter, which is like a light bulb but without a light that screws into the ceramic base of a drop or shop light. Or you can use a 100W red infrared heat lamp bulb, which is a regular poultry heat light.

No outlet in the water bay? Run an extension cord to the power pedestal or to a receptacle on the outside of your rig.

Locate your fresh water tank. Is it in the water bay? Your heat lamp will help. Can you toss a heat blanket over it or stick heat tape to it? If you can't access the fresh water tank, it's probably best to drain it and use bottled or campground water if available. Camping stores sell heated

drinking water hoses that plug into the pedestal.

Don't forget about the lines feeding the water heater. Rear access will likely be from some interior cabinet or behind a removable panel. Those lines need insulation as well. If you can, use your water heater on the electric setting to conserve propane and leave it on, which will protect the tank itself.

Not all RVs are identical, so inspection and protection methods vary. Just remember to be thorough. Those lines need protecting.

You should empty your black and grey tanks as frequently as possible. To avoid a frozen blockage, don't leave your sewer hose attached and don't leave the grey tank valve open. (NEVER leave the black tank valve open, under any circumstances, in any weather.) You can carefully use a hair dryer to release a frozen valve if necessary. Put about 1/2 gallon RV antifreeze into each tank after dumping.



Propane Systems and Appliances

You will definitely need to use the propane LP-gas appliances at some point. The most important thing to remember is to always keep your propane container on the full side. Never go below 1/3 full.

Why is that important? Propane is stored in liquid form and used in a vaporized form at each appliance. A simple explanation is that the liquid LP is heated to vaporization by its contact with the walls of the container and by the ambient air. In cold weather, there has to be enough wall surface "wetted" with the liquid to vaporize the propane and supply the demands of each appliance.

To save fuel, utilize a portable electric heater if you are using shore power. Run the refrigerator and water heater on electric as well, if you can.

Check the function of your propane detector alarm now, too. Replace it every 5-7 years.

Speaking of refrigerators: If you have an absorption-type refrigerator found in many RVs (as opposed to the all-electric, residential-type refrigerator), it operates by pulling heat from items within. The visible tubes on the back of the fridge, accessed from outside the rig, don't benefit from the warmth you've created inside the RV. A mixture of water, liquified ammonia, hydrogen gas and sodium chromate is circulating through these tubes. Since water freezes at 32°F, you can see the potential problem. When setting up camp, try to orient the refrigerator side so it receives the most sun (use the opposite orientation for summer.) If the temperatures dip below freezing for a period of time, put frozen items into a cooler outside the RV and turn off the refrigerator until ambient air temps go back up.

I recommend disabling your ice maker and clearing the lines of water behind the refrigerator's external cover. Because I've not been consistent in this, we've had to replace the ice maker line and fittings two times!



12 Volt Battery System

Your furnace runs solely on 12-volt house batteries, even when plugged into shore power, so keeping your batteries fully charged and protected from freezing is crucial. A fully charged lead acid battery freezes at -55°F. We hope you'll be snugly settled somewhere else in those temperatures! A discharged battery may freeze around 20°F.

Lithium-ion batteries are different. Any temperature below 32°F can cause appreciable damage. In fact, the chemical reaction while charging lithium batteries when below freezing will slow down and fail to charge the battery. The battery may eventually stop working altogether and result in permanent damage. At this point, I suggest a conversation with a lithium battery specialist to see what systems you may need to incorporate for those super cold adventures on your bucket list.

If your cranking or chassis battery is not charged through the converter charger (most aren't), you'll need to attach an external trickle charger to keep them charging and warm.

Insulating, Sealing and the Exterior



If your RV is not well insulated in both the walls and ceiling and equipped with dual pane windows, interior moisture can become a problem caused by the temperature difference

between inside and outside. It's important to periodically keep air moving within the RV using a rear roof vent fan. Crack open a window on the other end of the RV to produce circulation. You can also use the stove vent if it vents to the outside. For insurance, a few containers of Damp Rid or a similar product placed around the rig will trap the moisture.

Cut thick foam pieces to fit into additional roof vents - or buy the commercially available vent covers. We recommend the ones with one shiny foil side, as they are handy in summer and winter. Liz made a curtain of blackout cloth that attaches with velcro to cover our Class A front window expanse. It serves the dual purpose of keeping heat in during winter and keeping out heat and light during summer. Look at the weatherstripping around doors; you want a good seal. You could also hang a panel of blackout cloth or a blanket at the thin-walled entry door. If you have slides, cut pieces of the 1" blue or pink rigid foam insulation, available in the lumber department of big box stores, to tape on top of the slide. This area is usually poorly insulated. Just remember to remove it before bringing in the slide.

If there is a snowfall, carefully check the roof. Clear snow from all the roof vents and sweep the solar panels so they can continue to provide a charge. Also, clear snow from around the generator exhaust pipe. Do NOT get up on your roof unless you have a spotter, are pretty fit, and the roof is walkable. Many trailers have roofs unsafe for walking!

With some thoughtful preparation, you can enjoy the adventure of cold weather camping with both you and your rig remaining safe, snug and warm.

- Jordy Jording



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If you have a question, someone else probably has the same one! You can send Jordy Jording topic suggestions or questions you'd like answered in future Tech Time articles. Email your suggestion or question to 4yellowhammer@gmail.com.

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.

February FULL of auto recalls

February was a bad month for vehicle recalls, with millions of cars being recalled.

- More than 1.7 million **Honda** and **Toyota** vehicles were recalled due to air bag issues.
- Another 280,000 **Toyota Tundras** were recalled over a transmission issue.
- More than 150,000 **Ford** vehicles, including the **Expedition**, **Lincoln Navigator** and **Transit**, were recalled for seat belt locking and rear axle issues.
- **Ford E-350** and **E-450** vehicles face recalls for power steering and brake issues.
- **Volkswagen** recalled 261,000 vehicles for a fuel tank issue.
- Even **Mercedes-Benz** is recalling thousands of vehicles.

Because there are so many models impacted and RVW members drive and own a number of different vehicles, it is impossible to list all of these recalls.

So, to find out if any of these recalls impact one or more of your vehicles, go to nhtsa.gov/recalls and put your License Plate Number or Vin in the form. You can also search for tire, car seat, or equipment recalls using the same website.

Airstream

- 2022-2023 Basecamp 20X travel trailers. The spare tire carrier bracket may experience metal fatigue and break, allowing the spare tire to detach from the trailer.

Brinkley

- 2024 Model Z RVs. The axle spindle weld may fail, resulting in the wheel assembly detaching from the axle.

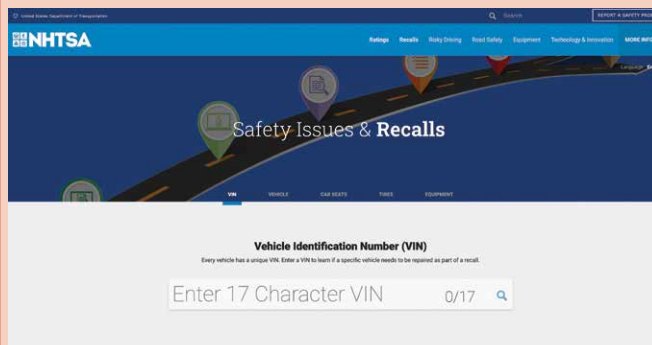
EarthRoamer

- 2022-2023 LTi motorhomes. The auxiliary fuel tank control module may unexpectedly pump fuel into the primary fuel tank, which can cause the tank to overflow and leak fuel.

Forest River

- 2020-2023 Coachmen Galleria, 2021-2023 Forest River Beyond and 2021-2023 Coachmen Nova Type B motorhomes. The retractable awning may extend unintentionally during transit.
- 2024 Coachmen Nova Type B motorhomes. The liquid level remote fill gauge on the propane tank may leak when in the "open" position.
- 2024 Shasta Oasis travel trailers. The side marker lights may not reflect light as intended, which can make it difficult for other drivers to see the trailer.

To check on recalls, go to **NHTSA.gov** then **Recalls** and enter your vehicle's VIN



While you may not own one of these RVs or vehicles, if you know someone who does, be sure to share this.

- 2023-2024 No Boundaries (NoBo), R-Pod and Ibex travel trailers. The independent suspension fasteners may loosen, allowing the independent suspension to detach.
- 2020-2024 Coachmen Galleria motorhomes. The battery boost wiring may become damaged, resulting in an electrical short circuit and causing a loss of power steering.
- 2020 Cherokee travel trailers. The draw bar locking mechanism may break, which can cause the front end of the trailer to contact the road.
- 2023-2024 Coachmen Concord motorhomes. The air suspension airline may be incorrectly installed near the exhaust, which can cause a sudden loss of rear suspension.
- 2024 XLR Boost toy haulers. The taillights may be insufficiently reflective.
- 2024 Coachmen Clipper and Viking Travel Trailers. The tail light bezel may not have been installed on the vehicle.
- 2023-2024 Prism Type C motorhomes. The furnace may overheat and cause a crack in the burn chamber, which can allow carbon monoxide to enter the cabin.
- 2023-2024 Salem and Wildwood fifth wheel travel trailers. The federal placard may have incorrect tire size information.
- 2024 Coachmen Catalina and Forest River Aurora travel trailers. The tire may contact the slide adjustment bolt and puncture the tire.
- 2023-2024 Coachmen Concord motorhomes. The lower control arm bracket may fail and cause the axle to rotate or detach, resulting in vehicle control loss.

Foretravel

- 2023 Realm FS605 and Realm Presidential FS605P vehicles. The steering gear may have foreign material inside the gear that could build pressure within the system, resulting in power steering assist loss.

Gulf Stream

- 2024 Trail Boss 160FK trailers. The incorrect tire size and tire pressure are listed on the federal certification label.

Heartland

- 2024 Corterra fifth wheels. The certification labels may have missing or incorrect tire size information.

Jayco

- 2023 Entegra Expanse, Expanse Li, Jayco Solstice and Solstice Li motorhomes. The retractable awning may extend unintentionally during transit.
- 2020-2023 Entegra Anthem, Aspire, Cornerstone and Reatta XL motorhomes. The pedestal mounting plate on the driver's seat may be improperly welded, causing the plate to separate and the seat assembly to loosen or detach.

Keystone

- 2021-2022 Dutchmen Coleman 1855RB and 190BH travel trailers. The trailers may be equipped with axle springs rated at 4400 pounds instead of 5100 pounds.

Newmar

- 2022-2023 Dutch Star, Mountain Aire, London Aire, Essex and 2016 London Aire motorhomes. The pedestal mounting plate may be improperly welded, causing the plate to separate and the seat assembly to loosen or detach.

REV

- 2016-2023 American Coach American Eagle motorhomes. Turbulence may break rear air deflector mounting bracket.

Shyft

- 2023-2025 Spartan RV K2, K3 and K4 chassis. The steering gear may have foreign material inside the gear that could build pressure within the system, resulting in a loss of power steering assist.

Tiffin

- 2022 Allegro Bus, Phaeton, Allegro Red 360 and Zephyr motorhomes. The pedestal mounting plate on the driver's seat may be improperly welded, which can cause the plate to separate and the seat assembly to loosen or detach.
- 2023-2024 Convoy and GH-1 motorhomes. The bracket that secures the solar panel to the roof may crack and break, which can cause the solar panel to detach.
- 2022-2024 Allegro Bay motorhomes. The standard house batteries may shift position during travel, which can cause the battery terminals to contact the steel hold-down bar.



Want to see a list of all the recalls for your specific brand of RV? Go to www.arfc.org/rvs/

Winnebago

- 2022-2023 Micro Minnie, Micro Minnie FLX, Hike 200 and Minnie travel trailers. The LED backlight circuit board in the cooktop range may fail, causing the board to overheat.
- 2024 Access travel trailers. The breakaway switch and trailer brakes may not activate when needed due to an incorrectly wired breakaway switch.
- 2021-2023 Ekko motorhomes. The blind spot monitoring system may fail without warning the driver.
- 2021-2023 Micro Minnie FLX travel trailers. The spare tire carrier may fail when loaded with a certain off-road style tire.

More useful information!

Just a reminder that the RVW YouTube channel has tons of helpful information

Go to youtube.com/@RVingWomen/videos and look at 100 videos we have! Some to check out are:

- *RV Fire Safety with Mac the Fire Guy*
- *LP Detectors*
- *How Old Is My Battery*
- *Do RV Tires Expire?*
- *Traveling With a Dog (Traveling with Cats is there too!)*
- *RV Water Heater Flush*
- *RV Pool Noodle Hacks*

And lots more! Check out RVing Women YouTube!

Popular items used for camping or by RVers are recalled

A popular item used by many RVers is facing a massive recall. Nearly 5 million Blend Jet 2 portable blenders have been recalled due to fire and laceration hazards.



Sold in a variety of colors and designs, the small blenders are rechargeable using a USB charging cable. They are sold online and in stores nationwide, including Costco, Walmart and Target.

The recalled blenders, sold from October 2020 through November 2023, can overheat or catch fire, and the blender blades can break off.

Check the serial number printed on the bottom of the blender base. Then go to blendjet.com/

safetyandrecall and use the *Is my BlendJet 2 recalled* tool located there. If it is recalled, stop using it and follow the directions on the website to get a free replacement base.

Editor's Note: I had purchased a two-pack of this blender from Costco, and one of the pair was on the recall list.

Cascade Designs is also recalling the MSR camping cooking pot because the handle can detach. Visit msrgear.com and then click on the *Recall Header* at the top of the page.



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The RVW Open Road Program is a giving program allowing members and friends the opportunity to contribute to the growth and stability of RVW. Contributions may be restricted by the donor to a specific purpose or may be unrestricted and thus available for purposes to be determined by the RVW Board of Directors. Contributions are NOT tax deductible.

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For more information or to make a contribution, go to rvingwomen.org and click on *Members Only > Open Road Donations*, fill out the form and choose method of payment. You can also pay with a credit card or attach a check made payable to RVW Open Road to the form below and mail it to Rving Women, 1237 S. Val Vista Dr. STE 121, Mesa, AZ 85204-6401. If you prefer to fax it you can fax to 480-396-0532, Attention: Rving Women.

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Name _____

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Contribution amount \$ _____

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☐ I want the use of my contribution to be determined by the RVW Board of Directors.

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Tier awards are T-shirt (if first-time donor), gift card, badge hanger stating tier level and donation year

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Gold - \$5,000 - \$6,999 tier - \$100 gift card

Platinum - \$7,000 plus tier - \$150 gift card

Tier Award

T-shirt size (if first-time donor): _____

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☐ ☐ ☐

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Tier level gift card: _____

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I have read and hereby agree to the liability waiver (published on page 58) relating to participation in RVW events/activities. I also understand that I am not to use the RVing Women directory or magazine for commercial purposes or financial gain, nor permit others to do so.
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☐ Instead of receiving a print copy of *RVW* magazine, I prefer to read the magazine online.

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I understand that camping, hiking, and participating in other outdoor activities have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death. I further understand that the Event will be conducted at a site that is remote—either by time or distance or both—from medical facilities. I still choose to proceed with the event/activity despite the lack of medical facilities in close proximity to the venue. I further understand that participating in RVW activities and outdoor activities involve certain inherent risks including but not limited to: falls; lacerations, scrapes, or bruises; attacks by or injuries caused by both domesticated and wild animals; hypothermia, frostbite, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, or dehydration; strains, sprains, and/or fractures; burns, scalds, and/or sunburn; drowning, heart attack, stroke, overexertion; foodborne illness, viral and bacterial diseases; tick infestation or insect bites; allergic reactions, irritation or poisoning from local flora; injuries resulting from falling rocks or trees; injuries caused by other event participants and/or their guests and/or invitees, and/or other persons present at the venue and/or trespassers at the venue; electrocution, poisoning; firearm-related injuries, knife-related injuries, injuries caused by improvised weapons, or mass shootings; sexual assault of any kind; natural disasters or inclement weather; choking or asphyxiation, and all manner of other bodily and/or psychological injuries and/or mental distress resulting from any of the above (collectively and individually, "Personal Injuries").

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By entering into this liability agreement, I hereby agree and acknowledge that RVW does not have any responsibility or liability for claims arising from private gatherings, events/activities held during a rally.

I have read and understand the terms of this liability waiver agreement. I am 18 years of age or older and mentally competent to enter into this agreement. I have signed this agreement freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

If I have brought minors or persons over whom I exercise authority as a guardian, I enter this waiver on their behalf as well as my own.

☐ Member

☐ Guest

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Festivals and Gardens



If you travel on I-5 to the northwest corner of the U.S., you will land in downtown Ferndale. Try to schedule your visit for the last weekend in July so you can celebrate Old Settlers Weekend at Pioneer Park. Started as a community picnic 128 years ago, Old Settlers Weekend is the oldest continually running festival in Washington State.

On festival weekend, community volunteers who have already donated hundreds of hours to furnish and maintain the 16 old-time cabins in Pioneer Park dress up in old-time gear and take their positions. They will spend the weekend helping to orient the rest of us to an earlier time when tools were primarily fueled by muscles and will power, children learned by rote in a one-room schoolhouse, animals roamed through town, clothes were handcrafted, and food was preserved without the benefit of non-pronounceables. You will see farm implements, construction tools, home and kitchen furnishings, printing equipment, an old-time general store, a jail, a post office, a schoolhouse, and a veterans' museum.

The Pioneer Headquarters Building was constructed at Pioneer Park in 1925 and serves as the office for the Ferndale Heritage Society. The other buildings were dismantled, carried to Pioneer Park by truck from various sites around the county, and reassembled by volunteers, sometimes without the benefit of instructions. Barr Barn, one of the larger buildings, was built with milled lumber rather than logs and features mortise and tenon construction with wooden pegging. Innovative in its design, the barn also has large sliding doors built opposite each other so hay wagons could drive straight through without having to turn or back up.

The other buildings on site date back a few years earlier, from 1873 to 1895, and include single- and two-story cabins, a home with walls that are 24 inches thick, a beautifully designed two-story considered to be a monument to the craftsmanship of Whatcom County's early pioneers and a single-story with a second-story add-on, that is said to be an example of the more primitive skills demonstrated by Whatcom County's early pioneers. Lean-tos and second-story add-ons to accommodate growing families were common.

The church at Pioneer Park, built in 1876, is often rented out for weddings, commitment ceremonies and other special events. Meetings are still held in the church during the spring and summer months.

A \$5 entrance fee to Old Settlers Weekend gives you

opportunities to visit the cabins, talk to old-timers, kick up your heels at a barn dance, and listen to some good local music. The weekend spills out into the larger community with several other events, many of them free—parades, baseball tournaments, a beer garden, a car show and vendors showcasing artwork, handmade crafts and great festival food.

You can make international travel memories this summer by traveling 20 miles north on I-5 from Ferndale and crossing into Canada at Peace Arch Park, which is actually two parks carefully tended to by British Columbia Parks and Washington State Parks. You might have to wait awhile, it's a busy border crossing, but you can use that time to take in the beautiful flower gardens paying homage to both countries.



For a really spectacular garden experience, take a ferry over to Vancouver Island and visit the famed Butchart Gardens. Open year-round, Butchart Gardens encompasses 55 acres of gardens and accessible walkways and 26 green houses. The artful displays constantly change with the seasons. Close to 900 bedding plant varieties are represented.

Hurry back from the island in time to check out the Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival, held this year from August 3 to 4. Now in its 23rd year, this festival brings musicians from around the world to the Greater Vancouver area.

From Vancouver, you have two scenic choices for traveling east. You can follow the Trans-Canada Highway to Ottawa with several stops along the way. There have been recent construction closures, but this highway is expected to be fully open by late spring. Or you can drop down to the States from Vancouver and move east on I-94 and I-90. Before you start out, check conditions to see if the North Cascades Highway (SR20) leaving from Sedro Woolley is open this year. The scenery won't disappoint.

Either way, take some time to plan. There are a lot of things you will want to see before you arrive at York, Pennsylvania for this year's RVW Convention (August 31 to September 8).

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