



OCOA Members Achieve National Recognition

At its fall 2015 convention, the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC) awarded Garry Cole the prestigious Pioneer Award. The Pioneer Award recognizes early industry leaders and visionaries whose groundbreaking efforts have contributed over the years to the growth and success of the RV and campground sector of the outdoor hospitality industry.

The award recognizes his many years of leadership and commitment to volunteerism, along with a strong belief in the unity of the RV Park and campground industry. Garry's pride in his own park, Mansfield/Shelby KOA, parallels his dedication to both his state and national associations. His park was honored with arvc Park of the Year four times. Garry served on the ARVC Board of Directors from 2001-2007 and again 2010-2012. He served on the NFPA 1192/1194 Committee from 2001-2015 and volunteered his support to the ARVC Public Affairs Committee as well. Thank you, Garry, for being an outstanding industry Pioneer and for everything you have done and the many lives that you have touched.

At the 2014 convention, Garry's wife Vicki Cole also received an impressive honor. She was awarded a certificate for achieving Certified Outdoor Executive status. She and Garry, who received his in 2015, are the only two members of OCOA to achieve this lofty status.

During the 2015 meeting, Steve Cross, owner of Cross Creek Camping Resort in Delaware, was elected to the ARVC Board of Directors. Steve will be one of two representatives serving Area 3, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.