

## Fun and Fascinating Jobs for RVers

Would you wear a silly crab hat or dress like a clown? Can you imagine getting paid to kayak? Or would you like to be right down with the cars on a race track? Working on the road, known as Workamping, is more than campground hosting. It encompasses a wide range of ways to earn money. Some are downright fun!

### Entertainers

Juanita "Neetsy" Barker is more than a singer she is an entertainer. She has her own professional Karaoke equipment. "With my crazy hats, we have a great time. I also have music for DJing. I just want to have fun and get my audience involved. When we do Karaoke (and a lot of singing by me) we will have two hundred folks come and stay for the entire evening." Neetsy has as much fun as her audience.

Neetsy has used her skills as activity director at parks in Colorado and Texas, as well as picking up gigs in other areas wherever she is.

Keith and Eileen Reynolds like nothing more than to make people laugh. They too have worked as activities directors for three different KOAs. Keith's clown outfit, in KOA yellow, sure caught people attention.



Neetsy leading Karaoke



They have also worked at Disney World in Florida and Adventureland, Iowa, having a ball at each place. They'll be working at an RV park in Texas this winter as activity directors, their favorite position, and returning to Adventureland next summer. Says Keith, "We enjoy people and having a good time. I for one hope we can continue for a long time and seeing the country at the same time."

### Crew for a racing team

Jack and Sylvia Dohollow have worked at several different types of jobs. One of the hardest, but most fun jobs Jack had was working on a crew for a racing team at SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) Pro races. He was a crew chief in the 1980s, and in 1999 contacted a fellow he knew and worked races through early 2005.



The team repaid expenses to fly or drive to the race plus a per diem. He'd usually work Thursday through Sunday. Pictured is the *World Challenge* race at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey, California with Jack between the cars (second from the back) as they line up for the race. Sylvia did help out with timing and scoring in the tower once and could attend two races a year plus races that Jack drove to.

## Volunteer Kayakers

Chuck Flanagan and Elaine Brogden volunteer. They enjoy the outdoors and particularly kayaking. One of their tasks at Deschutes National Forest in Bend, Oregon was to paddle Sparks Lake looking for paddle-in campsites. They documented each site by recording GPS coordinates and taking digital photos. They received an RV site and stipend.



They are currently at Starkey Experimental Forest, a joint wildlife research project conducted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the USDA Forest Service. It measures the population response of deer and elk to the intensively managed forests and rangelands of the future. Chuck and Elaine are here to monitor the archery elk hunt, take pictures and pull elk teeth. They may get to hand-feed some of the experimental elk!

Workamping has given these RVers an income (or saved money in the case of Chuck and Elaine) while traveling on the road. They are doing what they love to do and having fun too. What more could you ask?

## Resources:

- Workamper News, a bimonthly publication, lists all sorts of jobs for RVers, all across the U.S. and Canada. WorkamperPlus subscribers can also participate in forums, Rate Your Experience, the Awesome Applicants database, and have access to articles at Workamper.com Find information about working at NASCAR races.
- For volunteer opportunities with the government, see Volunteer.gov
- Help at SCAA races. Click on **Get Involved**