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2012 Campout Announcements

- Campvention 2012, July 13-20, 2012, Blyth, Ontario
- Retiree Rally September 4-8, 1012, St. Louis
- 2012 State Fall Campout September 21-23, 2012, Gladwin County Fairgrounds
- Blue Water Mixer September 28-30, 2012, Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds
- Halloween Campout October 5-7, 2012, Hudsonville Fairgrounds

Registrations forms found at www.mifcrv.org, click "camping schedule".

"Welcome to Fabulous Fall FCRV Michigan" Campout Hosted by the Young Adults

The young adults of Michigan welcome everyone to the 48th annual Fall Campout held this year in Gladwin, September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Early arrivals may come in starting Wednesday September 19th. We hope you enjoy our Las Vegas themed campout!

Like all fall campouts we will have some of the same activities: the teen queen/king pageant, adult and youth activities, and a DASAT seminar. We are planning a great evening program for all ages (the actual entertainer will be announced soon as they are booked) with an opening act that you don't want to *miss*. This year we have made some changes to our line up; we will have family board games Friday night. Saturday includes Vegas themed games, a street party after the evening program is being planned with cake, ice cream, popcorn, music, dancing and karaoke. On Sunday a church service will be held from the Praise Gang puppeteers.

We are also planning to help feed you this weekend. Friday night there will be a soup pot;, just bring your non-cream soup, bowls, spoons and crackers. Saturday we will have a campout wide potluck dinner with the host providing the meat for dinner. Sunday morning we will offer a breakfast. Please bring your own meat and table settings.

As always we are looking for help from our fellow Michiganders. We are looking for those that can help with goodie bags, adult & youth activities, and project sales.

We are also trying to find some vendors for the commercial area.

Please watch the website and our Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.

If interested in helping or for more information please contact Regina Jentzen @ (989) 233-6658 or email @ poohracerette14@aol.com or Melody Graves @ (616)283-7120 or email @ mandmhome@charter.net .

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News from the President...

Greetings Michigan,

State Spring quickly flew in and left but not without leaving a memory or two. It is always great to see the returning snowbirds and hear of the fun they had. I don't know why it was but this year I noticed there were far more children. Maybe it was the draw of the pageant but that is an awesome welcome sight. Nothing warms my soul faster than the laughter of children. Speaking of State Spring, I wish to thank all those who help make it a success especially the contestants in the Mess Michigan, who bravely put themselves out there for our entertainment. Congratulations to all contestants in the youth pageant. The talent was flowing and everyone was having fun. That says it all.

This is the beginning of my last year as president. I must say this has gone by very quickly. I learned a lot about the inner workings of MSA and am quite impressed. Since my time is winding down I am asking you to seriously consider running for a position on the MSA board. You work with wonderful helpful people that work together for a great organization. If you have an interest please contact Hope Malecki who is the election committee chair. New faces on the board are always a great thing. That means new ideas. Come on and give us a try. All positions are up for grabs so please consider throwing in your name.

As you travel this summer remember that traffic accidents seem to be on the rise. There are fewer police out there for enforcement and that makes driver's take more chances. Please watch the other drivers very closely and keep a safe distance. Data shows that intersections are especially dangerous as drivers are disregarding traffic lights. Upon approaching any intersection be ready to brake and look all around. Watch out for the other guy. Be safe this summer and plan on visiting a State camp out. See you at the coffee pot.

Jim Duplanty, MSA President



State Director Update

It was great to be a part of all the excitement as we began the 2012 camping season with the MSA State Spring Campout, *Spring Into Camping With Family And Friends* with the focus on our youth and teens. Thanks to Bob and Nancy Linder and Frank and Kay Newman along with all of their youth and teen helpers and committee chairs for a fabulous weekend. The weather was great and so were the many activities throughout the weekend. Most of all we loved the opportunity to renew old friendships and get acquainted with those we have not met before. Thanks to all for making this a great start to 2012.

Congratulations to our youth pageant contestants for participating in this year's pageant and best wishes to our new youth royalty. Enjoy your recognition and the fun you will experience this year!

We had the honor and privilege to present chapter anniversary awards to eleven chapters at the spring campout. Chapters who received an award are listed in this edition of *The Michigander*. Please take the time to recognize these chapter members for their support and dedication to FCRV in Michigan.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2012 graduates. As a reminder, FCRV offers a free honorary membership to 20-year-olds who still live with their parents, are single, and enrolled in a college or technical school or serving in the military. You may request the free membership by

contacting us each year until you reach age 25. Please email us your name, birthdate, parent's name and address. Also take advantage of scholarships offered in Michigan (although it is too late this year) and through our national organization. Contact us or check out the websites for more information.

For those going to Campvention, our teen royalty families will chair the float for the parade and will need your assistance as well as support for the noise parade. We are so proud that Emily Kurburski is representing Michigan in this year's teen pageant and escort Shawn Crookedacre...make sure they hear you in the audience supporting their efforts! Please participate in the Great Lakes Regional Hospitality which will advertise our 2013 Great Lakes Regional Campout as a stopping point prior to arriving at Campvention in Iowa.

Unfortunately due to John's surgeries earlier this year, we are not able to attend Campvention this year but please know you have our encouragement and support. Please text or email us so we can share the daily news with members at home.

We are in the process of working out the details for this year's Octoberfest tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 26-28, 2012 at the Best Western in Birch Run with activities scheduled Saturday. This yearly event is the annual field staff workshop and is open to all members and anyone else interested in taking a

leadership role in our organization. More details will be available soon.

Please take the time to review your chapter constitution but more importantly by-laws during this year's camping season. Sometimes changes are made and recorded in meetings minutes and not always reflected in the operations of your chapter. Many chapters are still operating with their original constitution and by-laws when the chapter was first chartered. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We know it is a few years away but we need to start thinking and planning for Michigan's rotation to host the Great Lakes Regional Campout. We are scheduled to host in 2016...just four short years and it is never too early to start planning. If you have any ideas or suggestions about a place, date, theme, activities, etc., please let us know.

During this first year as state directors, we know there is a lot we need to learn and we want you to know we appreciate all the support, encouragement and understanding as we learn our new roles. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Enjoy this camping season and remember to take advantage of the free Cadet Memberships you could provide to family and friends...getting them to a campout is the best way to introduce others to our wonderful organization.

John & Linda English,
Michigan State Directors

Spring Campout Wrap Up

The Spring Campout is now over. We had 44 rigs at the campout. The hospitality went over great during the weekend. The Mess Michigan was won by Annie Oakley. We would like to thank everyone for all the help during the weekend. All bills from committees have been turned in. We had a wonderful program for the youth. Thank you to Brandi and Chris DeVos and all of their helpers. Also a special thank you to Chapter 1 for their generous youth donations. We would also like to thank the teens and the youth for letting us host their campout.

Bob and Nancy Linder



2012 - 2013 Youth Royalty

With Deepest Sympathy

Sue Viers, April 4, 2012. Sue went to many state campouts and her daughter Christina was a previous Michigan Teen Queen.

Ed Hollar, April 11, 2012. Ed attended many state campout and Campventions with companion, Juanita Woolworth.



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Note: 10% discount if advertising paid in advance for a full year (3 issues).

With a full year inside display Ad get a free listing in Commercial Directory.

Commercial Directory only rate is \$3.50 per line for full year (single column width).

2012 Chapter Anniversary Awards

- Spinning Wheels Chapter 312 (20 years)
- Macomb County Retirees Chapter 307 (25 years)
- Little House on Wheels Gang Chapter 303 (30 years)
- Roll-N-Buncha Chix Chapter 208 (40 years)
- Log Rollers Chapter 211 (40 years)
- Mobile Muskrats Chapter 221 (40 years)
- Wolverine Drifters Chapter 53 (45 years)
- Holland Week-N-Ders Chapter 61 (45 years)
- Wandering Wigwams, Chapter 62 (45 years)
- Eager Beaver Campers, Chapter 63 (45 years)
- Sundowners, Chapter 65 (45 years)



A Note from the New Chaplain...

Hello, I am Ron O'Dell. Thank you for the recent appointment as Chaplain for Michigan Family Campers and RVers.

My wife Ida, our three children, and I joined FCRV (NCHA) many years ago. We joined as members of the Lay-Zee Hayseeds Chapter 235. We have camped in tents, pop-ups, tow-behinds, motor home, and now a fifth wheel. We have recently retired and our children all have homes of their own. We are looking forward to spending more time in the relaxation of camping.

While in Chapter 235 we have helped to promote the organization. I was our chapter president for several years. Ida served as secretary also. Our family has been involved in the church services at many FCRV campouts as part of the Praise Gang Puppeteers. We still camp and work with the Praise Gang Puppeteers as members of the Lay-Zee Hayseeds.

For the last ten years we have been in charge of the church services at Outdoor Adventures Resorts Rifle River Campground at Sterling, MI. I have been pastor and Ida has worked with music and chalk-art presentations (and other stuff). Also for the last five years, in addition to doing the service at Rifle River we then drove to their Lake of the North Campground at Lake George, West Branch, MI to do the church service there. We will still be involved with the Praise Gang Puppeteers as much as possible.

We are happy to be serving God as your Chaplain. Do not hesitate to contact us during times of trials or jublations. Thank you again and we are looking forward to the future with FCRV and attending as many campouts as we can.

Ron and Ida O'Dell, Chaplain



Scholarship News

The window has closed for this year's scholarship applications and I received only two. I was hoping a lot more FCRV members would have taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity to help out with college expenses whether you are going for a two or four year degree or attending a trade school. The applications will be judged and the winners will be announced at the fall campout in September.

I would like to thank Chapter 1, Tails-a-Wagon, for their scholarship fund donation in memory of Ed Hollar. It is very much appreciated.

For questions or applications contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director
2084 Madsen Rd. – Saginaw, MI 48601
Ph. 989-777-5958 E-mail: scholarship@mifcrv.org. Also Scholarship application forms are available on the MSA website.

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The 2012 Mess Michigan Contestants



FCRV Commercial Members in Michigan

Following is a list of FCRV Commercial Members. Commercial Membership is available for dealers, RV parts and service, campgrounds, or other items of interest to campers. For more information on FCRV Commercial Membership: <http://www.fcrv.org/membership/membership.php>

Fantastic Vent Corp.
2083 S. Almont Ave.
Imlay City, MI 48444
800-521-0298
www.fantasticvent.com

River Ridge RV Resort
22265 8 Mile Rd.
Stanwood, MI 49346
(877)287-4837
www.michcampgrounds.com/riverridgervresort
E-Mail: Rick@riverridgeresort.com

Campvention 2013: Amana Colonies, Iowa, July 14-19 (5 days) and the fee is \$250. Early days are July 12 and 13 are an additional \$25 per night camping fee.

Retiree Rally 2013: Rayne, Louisiana, March 11-17

Campvention 2014: Essex Junction, Vermont, July 7-11 (5 days) near Lake Champlain.

Retiree Rally 2014: Canton, Texas, March 20-30.

Webmaster Note...

The e-mail listings have been updated on the website. I am still working on the photo gallery for Spring Campout.

Paul Jones, Webmaster

Southeast District Campout



MICHIGAN 13th ANNIVERSARY RETIREE RALLY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – 10, 2012
CHURCH OF GOD CAMPGROUND
8489 N. Bagley Road
St. Louis, MI 48880

NAME _____

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Total fee: \$70.00. Contact Karen Wilson at 586-822-1987 for a refund if you are not able to attend.

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Pay at the gate or make checks payable to Michigan Retiree Rally and mail to:

Karen Wilson
51563 Stern Lane
Chesterfield, MI 48051

If you are retired or thinking of retiring please join us for a fun filled week. Dinner provided: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Breakfast.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS RALLY A SUCCESS!!



**Good luck Emily and Shawn at
Campvention...everyone in
Michigan will be rooting for you.**

Youth Corner



Hi! My name is Sergei Smoger and I am your 2012-2013 Prince. I am 10 years old and I am almost finished with 4th grade at Lottie Schmidt Elementary in Chesterfield, Michigan. I have one sister, Makayla and two dogs, Bolt and Travis. I have been a member of Tails-A-Wagon since I was 2.

My hobbies include playing sports, especially football and basketball. I enjoy camping with my family and friends and being outdoors. I am a Webelos 2 Cub Scout and I am planning on working towards my Eagle like my dad when I am older.

I want to thank everyone that attended the spring campout and supported me and the pageant. We had the best time! Please watch for details on the fall campout and plan on attending. The more people the better!

Hey, has anybody seen my wand?
Sergei Smoger, Michigan Prince

Youth Royalty
Princess
Mackenzie McClelland
Prince
Sergei Smoger
Teenie Queen
Julieanna DeVos
Teenie King
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“Camping Is” poster winner in Michigan is Alexa Jentzen. Alexa’s poster will be entered in the 2012 National Convention contest.....
Good luck Alexa!



PENGUIN PAGE



2011-12 Teen Queen

Emily Kurburski

2011-12 Teen King

Shawn Crookedacre

State Teen Directors

Ed & Alisa McClelland

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Hello Fellow Campers,

I am so excited that our camping season is underway! I would just like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped me get where I am! I would also like to especially thank my Teen King, Shawn, for coming to nationals to support me! I am preparing for national and can't wait to meet everyone that is going to be there.

I have just finished my eight grade year at Petoskey Middle School and I am glad that I am finished with middle school. This summer I will be taking a trip out west to explore things like Yellowstone National Park and Devils Tower. I will also be attending a few basketball camps and improve my golfing skills! I hope that you all will have as much fun camping as I will this year! Happy Camping Season!

Emily Kurburski, Michigan Teen Queen

Hi Michigan!!!

What a great time of the year. I will be playing baseball and weight lifting for football all summer long. I attended the Southeast District Mixer at the end of April and had a great time there. I placed first in the family games with the best hand of cards, a heart flush. It was pretty awesome!!! Cool!!!

I attend the Spring Campout in May. Congratulations to all the Youth Royalty and their runners up. They all did great. Queen Emily Kurburski, Michigan Retiree King and Queen and I got to judge the Mess Michigan Pageant. It was a lot of fun.

I am going to National in July to support our Queen Emily Kurburski. Good luck Emily!!! Hope to see you at National. See you camping!!!

Sincerely, Shawn Crookedacre, Michigan Teen King

Campout Hosted by the Young Adults
September 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, 2012
Gladwin County Fairgrounds
Gladwin, Michigan



Early Arrivals welcome on Wednesday. Some of our activities include:
 Friday: Soup Pot, Family board games in Hospitality, DASAT seminar, Texas Holdem'
 Saturday: Adult & Youth activities, Teen Pageant, Campout wide potluck, evening program & a street party with cake & ice cream after the evening program.
 Sunday: French toast breakfast, Church service provided by Praise Gang Puppeteers.

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 West Olive MI 49460 (616)
 283-7120 cell phone
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 Camping Fee (\$12 a night) \$24
 Total Camping Fee
 For Friday & Saturday \$49
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 For unregistered campers \$54
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*Handicapped registrations **MUST** be received by the registration deadline to be parked in the handicapped area.

Of Teens _____ # of Youths _____ (please provide names and ages on back of form.)

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