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- March 2013 42nd
National Retiree Rally
 - Southeast District April
26-28, 2013; Springfield
Oaks/Oakland County 4H
Fairgrounds
 - State Spring May 17-19,
2013; Church of God
Campground, Charlevoix
 - Great Lakes Regional
Campout, July 7-11, 2013;
Illinois State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL
 - 53RD Campvention, July
14-18, 2013; Amana
Colonies, Iowa
 - State Fall September 20-
22, 2013, Covenant Hills
Campground, Otisville
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Under the Big Top in the North

MSA 2013 State Spring May 17-19, 2013

Church of God Campgrounds, Charlevoix

<http://charlevoixcamp.com>

Come camp in the north in Charlevoix for the MSA 2013 State Spring Campout. This campout will be a circus theme so get your circus costumes ready to enjoy a great weekend. This is a beautiful facility and you don't even need your camper! There are a limited number of cabins and dorm rooms available for daily rental on a first come basis...contact the hosts today!

2 cabins with beds, refrigerator, microwave, no heat—must provide own bedding, towels etc. \$20.00 per day.

2 cabins with beds, refrigerator, microwave, cold water, no heat—must provide own bedding, towels etc. \$30.00 per day.

14 Dorm rooms—1 or 2 beds in each room, heated, showers and bathroom down the hall \$20.00 per day.

2 Apartments fully furnished-- with bedding \$45.00 per day.

Goodie bags will be provided by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Plan to spend a few hours enjoying the sites and activities in the area. Some of the new activities scheduled will be a Cushman program presented by Paul Jones...one of his many enjoyable hobbies. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cushman>. Also there will be a craft activity, candy bar bingo, family games, soup pot Friday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and a camp-wide potluck Saturday. Karaoke is scheduled after the Saturday evening program.

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News from the President...

Hello Michigan,

Wow just when the camping seems to be in full swing it ends. As we left State Fall I realized we were done for the season. So sad, but then I heard there is a State Spring 2013 in the works and suddenly the fall and winter did not seem to be all that bad. I like the fall and winter but I will long for my days in my camper.

I must say we had a fantastic camping season. Brenda and I spent it celebrating our 25th anniversary with an extended camping excursion that took us to Charleston, South Carolina, Walt Disney World and where ever we decided to stay. We shared part of it with our children, but we had a lot of fun being together. We created many memories and met a few new friends. I see every day with my family as a blessing. Fun, friends and enjoyment is what camping is all about.

The new camping season will bring new and exciting happenings with MSA. There will be an election of new officers on the board. I encourage you to get involved and find out how our organization runs. We always welcome new and fresh ideas and it only takes a little of your time. Please get involved. Contact Hope Malecki if you wish more information.

There will be some chapter anniversaries this next year and some celebrations are in the planning stages now. Please watch for these and plan to be there for their celebrations. Plan to attend all MSA meetings and activities. They are fun and entertaining. Watch for upcoming campout information as it becomes available. The next MSA meeting is Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Burton Police Department.

Have a great fall and winter. Be safe. See you at our next get together. Enjoy life. God Bless.
Jim Duplanty, MSA President



MSA Delegates Meeting

Saturday, November 3, 2012, 10:00 AM

Burton Police Station

4090 Manor Drive, Burton, MI 48506

Off Center Road approximately 3.5 miles south of I-69. From I-69 take the Center Road Exit and go south to Manor Drive. From the north or south take I-475 to Bristol Road Exit. Go east about 3.5 miles to Center Road, turn south and go .5 mile.

Call Jim Duplanty for directions: 810.922.6372

State Director's Report....

We are thankful for our young adult hosts and the young at heart for attending the 2012 State Fall Campout at the Gladwin Fairgrounds. There were many new activities and the volunteers worked tirelessly so we could enjoy all the activities. It was a great weekend.

Congratulations to our new Teen Queen Brittany Huryn and Teen King Shawn Crookedacre; the pageant was lovely and the talent suburb!

We would like to congratulate Frank and Kay Newman who were crowned Michigan's new Retiree King and Queen at the annual retiree rally. Please support their efforts as they vie for international king and queen.

Our scholarship winners this year are Sarah Duplanty and Leanne Crookedacre; congratulations to both young women!

Thank you to the field staff who attended the field staff meeting at the campout. This is a great group of leaders and we are excited for the opportunity to work with them.

If your chapter officers have changed, please send the information to us. Also remember to forward your 2013 chapter schedules once they are completed. If there are changes or additions to your camping schedules throughout the camping season, please make sure you forward those changes to us.

Our next MSA business meeting is November 3rd ...please send a representative (delegate) from your chapter to have a voice in the business of our association. This meeting will also give us a chance to hear from those running for a board position.

Introduce a friend or family to FCRV by giving them a Cadet Membership for a one-year free FCRV membership! We could double our Michigan membership...please consider this opportunity! The trustees have determined this has been the best recruitment program yet with a great retention rate...let's keep it going!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this past year and we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

With Deepest Sympathy

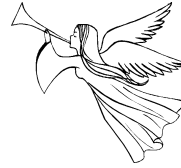
Ruth H. Johnson of Temperance, MI passed away August 23, 2012.

Robert E. Opal of Ann Arbor, MI passed away August 26, 2012.

Duane K. Ewing, of Hopkins, MI passed away September 20, 2012.

Margaret Heft of Allegan, MI passed away October 1, 2012.

Samuel Jordon passed away October 13, 2012 at Genesys Regional Medical Center



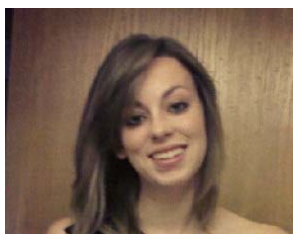
Scholarship Award Winners

The Scholarship awards were presented to the two winners at the Fall Campout in Gladwin in September. Sarah Duplanty from Tails-A-Wagon, Chapter 1, was awarded first place for the "A" Scholarship. She is currently studying for her degree in Health Communications at Grand Valley State University. Sarah has participated in many FCRV activities including being crowned twice for both Michigan Princess and Miss Michigan FCRV Teen Queen. She is currently involved with her sorority and enjoying the philanthropic aspect of the organization because she enjoys giving back to the community.

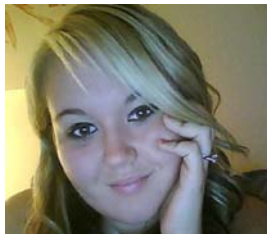
The first place "B" Scholarship was awarded to Leanne Crookedacre. Leanne and her family are members of Chapter 1, Tails-A-Wagon and Chapter 35, Ledge Loafers. Leanne is currently attending Ross Medical where she is studying medical insurance billing and office administration. Leanne has been a member of FCRV for 12 years and active in the organization. She has participated in many FCRV Princess and Teen Queen pageants.

I would like to thank Chapter 184, Still-A-Goin', for their scholarship fund donation in memory of Ron Nas. 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.



Sarah Duplanty



Leanne Crookedacre

Awards...

There was no Family of the Year or Jonsey Award given at the State Fall Campout, as we did not receive any nominations.

Just a reminder that nominations for the Family of the Year and the Jonsey Award are due by June 1.

To nominate someone for Family of the Year, send a letter, listing the family name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, community involvement, and anything else that you may feel is relevant.

To nominate a teen for the Jonsey award, send a letter including the teen name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, school involvement, community involvement, and anything else that you may feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner, 502 Andres St., Chesaning, MI 48616, or e-mail them to awards@mifcrv.org. Thank you.

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner, Awards Committee

Under the Big Top in the North Cont.

Linda English has planned a *Come Camp With Us* program to attract community interest. A silent auction will be held with half the money donated to a local food bank and the other half to Michigan FCRV...think about sharing a talent, soliciting donations or donating a gift basket. Of course all the normal activities will also be provided.

We all know what wonderful cooks the Kurburski family is...Elizabeth will have homemade cookies during the entire weekend. And for those early bird registrations, anyone who registers for this campout at the November 2012 MSA meeting will receive a plate of homemade cookies delivered to their campsite with a smile and a thank you in May! Stay tuned for further updates and we hope you plan to attend the spring campout. Hosts: Foster/ Anne Kurburski and Dave/Heidi Mull

Campvention Wrap-Up...

We begin by thanking our Canadian neighbors for hosting a well-organized event in Blyth. There were 21 families from Michigan in attendance. Keith Woolworth carried the Michigan flag during opening ceremonies.

Teen Queen, Emily Kurburski, made us all very proud finishing as 3rd runner-up in the pageant and receiving a talent award for her flawless performance. Teen King, Shawn Crookedacre, and Princess, Mackenzie McClelland, were also on stage during the Teen Queen pageant. Our royalty enjoyed riding on the Michigan float and in the noise parade. Michigan teens took gold in both softball and volleyball.

Juanita Woolworth coordinated the get-together which was very well attended.

Ed and Alyssa McClelland organized a family ball game for all ages. Those not playing were in the stands watching. Everyone had so much fun that next year's Campvention committee is hoping it happens again. The McClelland's also chaired teen sports for the third year in a row.

Michigan donated 112.5 lbs. of aluminum tabs earning our state special recognition. Former Teen Queen and Miss FCRV, Taylor McClelland, was awarded a \$1,000 national scholarship. Three Michigan youth received 2nd place ribbons for their "Camping Is" and Conservation posters. Congratulations to Alexa Jentzen and Katie and Liz Kurburski! In the adult games, Duane Osborn finished 1st place in golf.

At the general membership meeting, my wife, Sue Carlsen, was sworn in for a second term as Recording/Corresponding Secretary. She is grateful for the encouragement, support, and votes she received from Michigan.

In closing, we thank all who pitched in to help host the Great Lakes Regional hospitality. So even though we wish our attendance had been higher, we are proud to report that our state once again made its presence known at Campvention. Way to go, MICHIGAN! Hope to see more Michigan folks at Campvention 2013 in Iowa.
Chuck Carlsen

#307 Macomb County Retirees



Elections...

It's election time again! Are you thinking about running for an office on the MSA Board? I currently have one person for each office and I am looking for one person for the Member at Large position. I would love to have two candidates for each office. If you have any questions or you would like to run for an office please contact me at (989)751-0088 or email me at hobag100559@aol.com and leave me your name and position that you would like to run for.

Thank you and see you at the next meeting.
Hope Malecki, Elections Chairperson



Fall Wrap-Up...

Oh what a weekend we had at the State Fall, we cried, rejoiced, ate, laughed & froze. We are sorry about the last one Mother Nature has a mind of her own, but believe me we wished it would have been warmer too.

The weekend started out Friday night with a soup pot that a huge success. They were people playing cards, putting puzzles together and having fun with the board games. Friday night many people were also enjoying campfires to keep warm.

Saturday morning we had lots of people playing our Vegas inspired family games. There was a trapeze, and pizzas flying everywhere. Saturday afternoon there were three lovely contestants for the Teen Queen Pageant. Congratulations to our new queen Brittany Huryn who also was named Miss Talent. Shawn Crookedacre agreed to continue as Teen King for another year. Our court is 1st runner up and Miss Congeniality Katie Kurburski and 2nd runner up is Elizabeth Kurburski. We are proud of all of you.

As everyone left the pageant they could smell the beginnings of dinner in the air. Paul Jones organized a great campout wide potluck and everyone went home full and with empty dishes. I want to thank my husband Terry and Mark Graves for slaving over the grill and cooking everyone that delicious chicken that we provided for everyone. Our evening continued back at the stage with some awards, some thanks and our evening entertainment provided by comedian and magician PJ Weber. We enjoyed ice cream and cake made by Melody Graves.

On Sunday morning, guess what we ate again. The Young Adults made pancakes for everyone. Breakfast was followed by church service with the Praise Gang Puppeteers. We had a good time hosting and hope everyone had a good time. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers that stepped up and pitched in. I would like to thank Chris & Brandie DeVos for hosting hospitality; Jane & Samie-Jo for throwing together the family games for everyone to play. Also thanks to Patty Malecki and her crew for planning activities for the teens and emceeing the pageant for the first time (she seemed really comfortable behind that microphone). Food was prepared for the teen pageant tea by Hope Maleki; thanks Mom. I would like to thank co-chairs Mark and Melody Graves and my husband Terry for pitching in and doing what needed to be done for a successful weekend. I hope to see everyone at the Spring Campout in 2013.
Regina Jentzen, Campout Chairperson



Chapter File Maintenance

We have been talking with Shari Weber, National Director, regarding electronic document storage. She indicated our organization is now maintaining all records electronically.

We have been reviewing all chapter files and our electronic files are now current with what Shari has; therefore, active chapter paper files will be forwarded to district directors to return to chapters. Please contact your district director whether you want your documents or not; otherwise, they will be destroyed.

Also, inactive chapter files will only be retained through April, 2013. After that, all inactive chapter files will also be destroyed. We have a list of the inactive chapter names and their Michigan numbers in case there is a request to reactivate a chapter name. This information has also been shared with district directors. It is required that reactivated chapters will need a new charter, constitution and by-laws. If you know of people no longer affiliated with these chapters or are no longer FCRV members, please contact them to inquire if they would be interested in their file...we will see that it is returned with your help.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Way to Cook Corn on the Cob for a Crowd?

It's Cooler Corn

Photograph by Scott DeSimon

Am I the only person who hasn't heard of "cooler corn"? As an obsessive food nerd, you'd expect that I would have at least heard of it, but over the weekend I was blindsided by the simple genius of this method for cooking loads of corn on the cob perfectly.

I was hepped to it while visiting my family in Maine . Short story: We like corn on the cob. And with eight adults at the table, that means a couple of dozen ears. We would have used the lobster pot to cook them all, but the lobster pot was busy steaming lobster. Then my sister, a capable Maine cook with years of camping experience says "let's do cooler corn!" Before I can ask "what the heck is cooler corn?" a Coleman cooler appears from the garage, is wiped clean, then filled with the shucked ears. Next, two kettles-full of boiling water are poured over the corn and the top closed. Then nothing.

When we sat down to dinner 30 minutes later and opened it, the corn was perfectly cooked. My mind was blown. And I'm told that the corn will remain at the perfect level of doneness for a couple of hours.

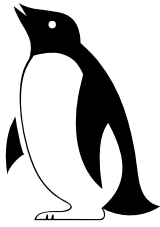
Turns out, Cooler Corn is pretty well known among the outdoorsy set But for those of us who avoid tents as much as possible, it's perfect for large barbecues and way less of mess than grilling. In fact, I may even buy another cooler just so I'm ready for next summer. Now that I'm in the know.







PENGUIN PAGE



Hi, my name is Brittany. I am seventeen years old and a senior in high school. My friends describe me as humorous, outgoing, and clumsy. I have been a part of FCRV my whole life and in that time I have made countless memories, numerous friends, and grown within the FCRV community. I have a large family with 3 siblings, two loving parents and four nieces and a nephew. I'm the proud owner of two dogs, Claire and Oreo, who are just as friendly as I am. I have many hobbies ranging from stock car racing for two years to playing flute for almost seven. In school I take pride in being in Marching band, Symphonic band, Jazz band, being on the A honor-roll, being a member in Key Club, and being a new student in my schools Sign Language Class. I have received the bronze award in girl scouts, a one at Solo and Ensemble 3 years, a two at State Solo and Ensemble 2 years, and First Place in the "America and Me" essay contest. After high school I plan to further my education by going into the medical field to be a lung specialist. I also hope to minor in music. Though my schedule is busy with my in school and out of school activities, I always make time for cuddling up to a campfire with my family and friends. Hope to see you all around a campfire soon.

Brittany Huryn, Michigan Teen Queen 2012-2013

Teen Royalty

2012-13 Teen Queen

Brittany Huryn

2012-13 Teen King

Shawn Crookedacre

State Teen Directors

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Hello Michigan, I'm looking forward for another fun year as your teen king. My junior varsity football team record this year was 2-6-1 but I think we played much better than our record shows and next year I will be playing varsity football. Also, I have been going to cheer the varsity team on in playoff games in the student section. Being very loud and having a great time with friends. I can't wait to see everyone around the campfire.

Shawn Crookedacre, Michigan Teen King 2012-2013

Youth Corner

Hello Michigan,
I hope everyone enjoyed their trailers this summer. The packing and unpacking isn't always the most pleasurable, but once camp is set up, the real fun and memories begin. Too soon we realize the camping season is coming to a close when the beautiful fall colors appear in Michigan. Hard to believe that time is here already. A big thank you to the Young Adult Group of MSA for putting on the State Fall Campout. It was a great weekend and the kids enjoyed the grounds. Saturday night the youth were presented their National awards. Alexa Jentzen won second place in the Camping Is Contest. Elizabeth Kurburski and Katie Kurburski both won second place in their age divisions of the Conservation Contest. Great job to all of you. It is great to see our Michigan youth involved in the various programs MSA and FCRV has to offer. Congratulations to each of you!

Happy Camping,
Brenda Duplanty, MSA Youth Director

Youth Royalty

Princess

Mackenzie McClelland

Prince

Sergei Smoger

Teenie Queen

Julieanna DeVos

Teenie King

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2013 MSA/FCRV STATE FALL CAMPOUT



"Fall into the Fifties"

Hosted by Tails-A-Wagon

September 20-22, 2013

Located at Covenant Hills Campground
10359 Farrand Rd.
Otisville, MI 48463

Mark your calendar and set your GPS for a
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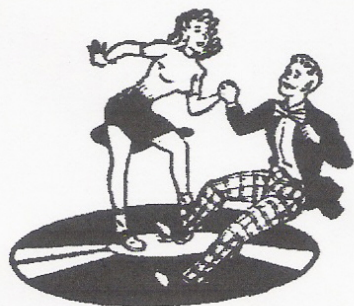
Full hookups (water, elect, sewer)

Heated buildings

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Queen Pageant

plus much more in the works!!!



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