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Tentative 2013 Campout Announcements

- ✓ 42nd National Retiree Rally March 2013; Rayne, LA
- ✓ Southeast District Mixer, April 26-28, 2013; Springfield Oaks/Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds
- ✓ State Spring May 17-19, 2013; Charlevoix, Church of God Campgrounds
- ✓ Northern District Mixer, June 14-16; Gladwin County Fairgrounds
- ✓ Great Lakes Regional Campout, July 7-11, 2013; Illinois State Fairgrounds Springfield IL
- ✓ 53RD Campvention, July 14-18; Amana Colonies, Iowa
- ✓ State Fall September 20-22, 2013; Otisville, Covenant Hills Campground

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

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 2012 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!

As of today this is what's available

- Ø five dorm rooms with 1 double bed
- Ø one dorm room with a twin
- Ø one dorm room with 2 twins
- Ø one cabin left with 1 queen bed and cold water

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. Breakfast provided both Saturday and Sunday morning, soup on Friday night and a camp wide potluck Saturday. 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. Some planned activities include a Cushman program presented by Paul Jones, craft activity, Candy Bar Bingo, family games.

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Greetings Michiganders,

The fifth wheel is winterized and I mowed the grass for the last time this year. That means the holiday season is quickly approaching. This has been a terrific year for my family. We spent more time traveling and camping than I can ever recall in my personal memory bank. This was a special year for Brenda, me and our children. We met several people along the way and even shared our love of MSA/ FCRV. We try to get the word out to others hoping to spark some interest. I hope it worked. Talk to as many campers as you can as you camp away from your chapter. Invite them to a campout. We now have several "Come Camp With Us" banners to hang outside your rigs or near the coffee pot. District directors and the MSA president have these banners.

The MSA meeting went very well in November. We agreed to donate some money to Burton Police Department. They have been gracious toward us and we wanted to give a little back. I received a thank you card from the K-9 officer. He received some of the money which he plans to use for his dog. He will use a portion for training and food for his four-footed partner. A K-9 Officer spends a great deal of personal time and money on the dog and the handler really appreciated our generosity. The remainder will be used to enhance the comfort of the patrol officers roll-call room. I personally say "Thank You" for the generous offering to my place of retirement.

We have a Spring and Fall campout lined up for 2013. The Northern District is handling Spring and Tails-a-wagon is doing Fall. You will see the registration forms soon on the web site. It would be great to have record numbers at these campouts, so please plan ahead. If you are traveling to the warmer climates please be safe, watch out for the other guy and most of all enjoy life a little more than last year.

My family and I hope the holidays brought you joy and happiness. Brenda and I look forward to the Spring and seeing you again.

God Bless,

Jim Duplanty, MSA President



State Director Report...

We cannot believe another successful camping season has now ended. It was a great year and we look forward to next year's activities.

Please consider attending the state campouts in 2013. Both the spring and fall campouts will be held at facilities we have never been to before for a state campout. The hosts and committees are busy working to provide very full and different activities for both campouts and both campgrounds are superb facilities.

Many chapters will be celebrating 40+ anniversaries with Chapter 1, Tails-A-Wagon celebrating and hosting their 50th anniversary at the fall campout. Please plan to attend and support these great achievements. Chapter anniversary awards are presented at the annual state spring campout.

Our 2012 annual Field Staff Octoberfest was held again at the Best Western of Birch Run and many field staff and guests attended. Thanks to Hope Malecki for making the arrangements with Best Western. Thanks to Jane Thornton and Samie-Jo Schaub for helping plan the activities. This annual event is open to all members...next year's tentative date is October 26th with rooms available for overnight stay Friday and Saturday night. Plans have already begun with a potluck starting at 4 PM on Saturday followed by our annual meeting and activities. Please plan to join us.

We would like to announce the newest members of our field staff, Bill and Debbie Price from the Eager Beavers Chapter. We are excited to have them join our staff as they support the Mid-West District.

Each district director and MSA President now has a *Come Camp With Us* Banner. We were also provided one by the FCRV Trustees. Please contact any one of us if your chapter would like to display this banner at your chapter campouts. We all also have a supply of the new membership

tri-fold that you might want to have on hand to give to a potential member.

Remember to use the *Cadet Membership* for the first year for a new member and please spend the camping season mentoring the Cadet Member. Let us know if we can help.

If you are 20 years old you may qualify for a free FCRV membership. Please contact us for further details.

The 2013 Great Lakes Regional will be held July 7-11 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, Illinois. This campout will precede the 2013 Campvention held in Amana, Iowa. Please check out the registration forms for both campouts at www.mifcrv.org and the tentative list of activities for the regional campout. We hope you will extend your Campvention vacation this year and plan to attend both of these events.

We attended the Great Lakes Regional annual meeting held the weekend of November 17. One of the things we learned is that national program directors, district directors and field staff are required to sign annual commitment forms. We will forward these forms via email to those members soon.

Please forward your list of 2013 chapter officers to us at your earliest convenience as well as your 2013 camping schedule as soon as it is set. Chapter presidents contact information will be posted in the April edition of *The Michigander*. One of the things we would like to request in addition to the chapter president contact information is an email address and possibly a phone number for potential members to make contact with your chapter. If you would like the additional information posted in *The Michigander*, please include it when you send us your information.

It is very important that each chapter apply for and secure an Employee Identification Number. We can provide a sample form with areas filled in with sample information. It is also very important that your bank accounts are

opened with this EIN number; otherwise, there is a risk of losing your

chapter funds in the event the signer on the account passes away...the funds will then become part of that person's estate.

Please begin 2013 with a review of your chapter's constitution and by-laws making sure you are doing what those documents say. We can provide a review document that lists the FCRV requirements for each of these documents.

There are openings for National Program Directors in Michigan for CAMP, Historian and National Insignia. The Youth Director has also tendered her resignation effective after the 2013 State Spring Campout. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know.

Remember this is an election year so please encourage your chapter members to vote. Ballots are included in this edition of *The Michigander*.

We look forward to seeing you at the February MSA meeting. The 2013 camping season cannot come soon enough for us!

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

statedirectors@mifcrv.org



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

It's never too early to start thinking about submitting your scholarship application. The deadline is always MSA Spring Campout, so you have until Sunday, May 19, 2013.

I would like to thank Chapter 184, Still-A-Goin', Joseph and Maria Langley and Jack and Mary Kolbe for their donations to scholarship fund in memory of Margaret Heft.

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.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season. See you in the Spring!

From the Chaplin...

As the camping season in Michigan comes to a close, we wish all of you Happy Holidays, a beautiful winter (where ever you may spend it) and safe travels until we greet you again in the Spring.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Chaplain. I only pray that I can meet God's expectations and serve Him and you in a manner that will honor to Him.

If you need to contact me the Michigan FCRV webmaster (Paul Jones) has set up an email address for the State Chaplain that will reach me. This address will automatically be forwarded to any future State Chaplain when that becomes necessary. This is a good system and it works for all the officers and other committee chairs. My email is Chaplain@mifcrv.org A special thank you goes to Paul for his work in serving Michigan FCRV. Do not hesitate if you feel a need to contact me.

Remember also that when you are planning campouts for next year that Ida and I may be available to do Church service for your campout. Just contact us.

If you desire the Praise Gang Puppeteers you need to contact Loretta Hinkley to book them. Thank you all and God Bless You,
Ron O'Dell, MSA Chaplin

Awards...

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

MSA Delegates Meeting

Saturday, February 23, 2013, 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

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- 2"x4" Ad: \$18.00 per issue or \$67.00 per year
- 3"x4" Ad: \$25.00 per issue or \$90.00 per year
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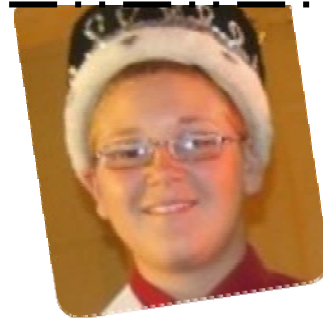
With a full year inside display ad get a free listing in Commercial Directory.

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

PENGUIN PAGE



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Hi everyone! I hope you all had wonderful holidays from my family to yours. I thought I would let you all know what I have been up to over the winter. I was in a flute choir playing at different events and at church. I've been raising money for a local family who has a daughter struggling with cancer, as well as raising money for Wigs for Kids an organization that provides wigs for children who lost their hair through their fight with cancer. I've also been busy with my final year of high school making sure I get the grades I'm capable of while participating in everything I can. I hope to see you all at the spring campout as my parents and I will be attending, we're really excited.

**Yours truly, Brittany Huryn,
Michigan Teen Queen 2012-2013**

Hello, my name is Shawn Crookedacre. I am the Michigan Teen King 2012-2013. I have been a member since I was 2 years old. I belong to 2 chapters Tails-A- Wagon #1 and Ledge Loafers #35. I attended the MSA meeting in November and the Octoberest. I had a lot of fun. I am going to be doing weight lifting for football this winter. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you all can make it to National. See you camping.
Your Teen King, Shawn

MSA Board Candidates 2012-13



Dave Mull is running for MSA President.

- Dave is married to Heidi for over 28 years, having met her at the State Spring campout in Charlotte in 1981, and they have two daughters, Amber 24 & Courtney 21.
- His family joined NCHA/FCRV in 1971 and he since 1989. Member of Chapter 316 Traverse Bay Travelers
- Field Director since 1996 & currently Mid-West District Director and State Insignia
- MSA Vice President for the past 4 years
- Attended 43 of 44 state campouts since 1989 / 8 Campventions / 7 Regionals
- Volunteered at many state campouts and the annual Halloween Campout in Hudsonville
- Past employed at Sara Lee Foods for over 32 years, as Operations Supervisor
- Currently lead Production Supervisor at ITC, Inc.; a supplier of lighting, plumbing, assist handles, and numerous products for the Marine & RV Industry



Edward Huryn is running for MSA Vice President.

Edward joined FCRV for the first time in 1983; he joined for a new activity and found so much more. Throughout his FCRV history he has left once but what's important is that he came back. Edward came back for all the amazing people he met and still meeting today. He was field staff in Wayne County for about 5 years, and currently he is field staff along with his wife. He has worked on various committees, one Campvention and volunteered at Michigan hospitality numerous times. His children and grandchildren have grown up in FCRV as well as his youngest daughter who is the current Michigan Teen Queen, Brittany Huryn. He hopes to help restore the FCRV membership.



Kari Evans is running for MSA Treasurer.

She has been MSA Treasurer for 4 years. She enjoys what she is doing. She worked at a hospital in the central billing office for about 10 years posting payments from insurance companies and from patients. She also has worked at HR Block as a tax preparer for 2 years. She has a Bachelor Degree with honors in accounting from Davenport University and an Associate Degree in accounting from Delta College. She recently finished a course to become a Nursing Assistant. She hopes to get a position either in a nursing home or hospital facility. Please vote for Kari. Thank you and see you around the campfire.



Melody Graves is running for MSA Treasurer.

- Married to husband Mark for 14 years with 3 children (Michaela 12, Maddison 10 and Mark III 3)
- Member of FCRV pretty much all her life; 3rd generation FCRV member.
- Member of Chapter 235 Layzee Hayseeds
- Volunteered at several state and district campouts
- Graduated from Indiana Wesleyan in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business with concentration in Accounting
- Worked in banking for over 10 years and is currently a stay at home mom
- Active member of PTA/PTC for her children's school and held board positions of Secretary (2 years) and Treasurer (3 years)
- Volunteers at church and as a Girl Scout leader
- Currently co-young adult coordinator with Regina Jentzen

MSA Board Candidates 2012-13 Continued



Regina Jentzen is running for re-election for the position of secretary.

She is running for the office of secretary because she believes that it is one of the most important positions on the board because they have to keep the information for the entire organization and keep all the records up to date. She is currently working to bring MSA into the 21st century by taking the records to digital records for easier searching.

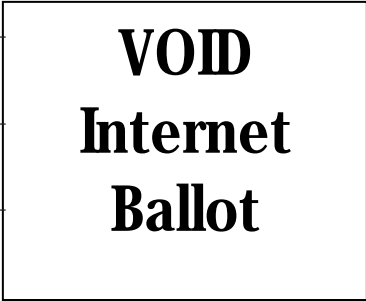
Regina has been married to her husband Terry for 7 years and they have one daughter Alexa. Regina has been a part of FCRV her entire life and enjoys camping with her camping family. Regina is a very active member of MSA, she has chaired, co-chaired and worked on various spring and fall campouts. She is currently one of the co-advisors for the young adult program.

Away from her camping life Regina is active; she is a Girl Scout leader, volunteers at the local Knights of Columbus hall, she also attends college full time while also working full time.

If re-elected Regina would like to continue to the work to make the job of the secretary more efficient and productive by upgrading the software programs that are used and moving more information to a digital format. She would also like to move to a more digital format to reach members of MSA for meeting reminders and other information that needs to be passed along.

Official MSA Election Ballot

President
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 .. Kari Evans
 .. Melody Graves

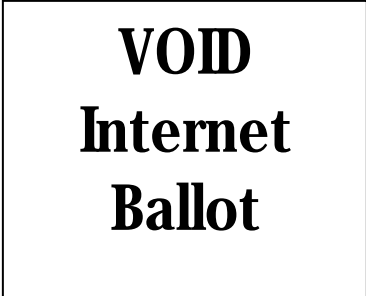


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Mail to: MSA Ballot, Skip/Hope Malecki
 8580 Morrish Rd., Birch Run, MI 48414-8774

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Teenie and Youth Pageant Entry Form

Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____ Phone (____) ____-____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Circle one: Teenie King Teenie Queen Prince Princess

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Parent's

Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Mail by March 31. Confirmation will be sent within 10 days of deadline.

Youth: attach a typed resume.

Teenie: attach information on interests, pets, activities, etc.

Send to: Brenda Duplanty, 5425 E. Carpenter Road, Flint, MI 48506

Phone: 810.250.2651 Email: youth@mifcrv.org

Youth Corner



Hello Michigan,

The rush of the holiday season is behind us, and now we can enjoy the winter months. Make sure you get outside and play in the snow!!! It's a little early to start thinking about camping, but it's not too early to think about State Spring. The pageants at State Spring are for our younger members of FCRV. Boys and girls between the ages 3-6 may participate in the Teenie King and Teenie Queen pageants. Boys and girls between the ages 7-12 may participate in the Prince and Princess pageants. This is a great opportunity for our youth to gain some confidence in themselves and have a lot of fun, too! Please encourage fellow members to consider the pageant for their children. It would be wonderful to have a stage full of contestants. Please remember that the deadline is March 31. Resumes (information sheets) must be received with the application. Each Prince and Princess contestant needs to write his or her own information sheet based on the required information listed in the contest rules. Mom and dad can oversee the project, but judges smell a parent written entry right away. Please make sure that is in the child's voice being heard in the writing.

Enjoy the time with your family.

Brenda Duplanty

Michigan Youth Director

Youth Royalty

Princess

Mackenzie McClelland

Prince

Sergei Smoger

Teenie Queen

Julieanna DeVos

Teenie King

Ronan Plichta

State Youth Director

Brenda Duplanty

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Condensed Teenie/Youth Pageant Rules

- Parents must be FCRV members.
- Contestants must be between ages 3-6 (Teenie) and 7-12 (youth).
- Contestants must complete the official registration form.
- Contestants must be accompanied by a parent or appointed adult.
- All contestants will be judged on dress/dressy attire, communication and poise.
- Teenie Contestants will be judged on personality.
- Teenie parents--please submit information on child's interests, pets, activities, etc. with the application form.
- Youth Contestants must prepare and write with minimal adult assistance a short resume*.
- Youth Contestants will compete in: talent/skill; interview
- Youth contestants will be judged on resume and talent/skill.

*See Campout Manual at

<http://www.mifcrv.org/campingmanual.htm> for a list of resume topics and the complete rules. It is very important to read and understand all rules relating to this pageant.