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The Michigander

"Family Fun Through Camping In Michigan"

Celebrating
MSA 51 Years
and Traveling On
1965 - 2016



Campout Announcements

2016 - July 25-29, Campvention, Shawnee, Expo Center, OK, 40 miles SE of Oklahoma City, early days, July 16 & 17, a rodeo precedes Campvention.

July 25-29, 2016; Campvention, Shawnee, OK

August 5-7, 2016; Great Lakes Regional, Hillsdale
(Early arrivals start Sunday, July 31)

September 6-10; Michigan Retiree Rally, St. Louis

September 16-18, 2016; MSA State Fall Campout, Charlevoix

September 23-25; Blue Water Mixer; Imlay City

October 7-9; Halloween Campout; Hudsonville

November 5, 2016; MSA Delegate Meeting, Burton

Please support the many activities scheduled in 2016.

(Also see registration forms on pages 8-12)

Awards

Remember to send in your nominations for the **Family of the Year** and the **Jonsey Award**. Nominations are due by June 1st.

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 you may think 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 you 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

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News from the MSA President

Greetings,

The camping season is underway with a couple districts and the state spring campout in the books.

As this is the final year of my 2nd term as MSA President, now is the time to begin the search for our next president; elections will be held next spring. We also have the opportunity for a member to step forward for the upcoming elections by volunteering as our election chairman. Primary duties include soliciting members for interest for the MSA board positions, and manage the counting of the ballots.

Also, I would like to inform the membership that we also have several committees that have chair positions open.

I want to pass along my support and encouragement for our MSA Teen Queen Emily Kurburski and MSA Teen King Shawn Crookedacre, at this year's Campvention; you both are great representatives for Michigan.

As a reminder to the membership of MSA, we will be having our general membership meeting at the fall campout.

Speaking of the state fall campout, the campout will be held at Church of God Campground, in Charlevoix, September 14 – 18, with many great activities being planned.

At the state spring campout, it was announced that we have a chapter involved in the preliminary planning stages for the 2017 state spring campout; more information coming.

I'm looking forward to attending the Great Lakes Regional Campout, August 4 – 7, in Hillsdale, and hope to see many in attendance.

Dave Mull - MSA President

NOTICE!!!!!!!

You will find a lack of pictures and clipart in this issue. FCRV National has had a problem with newsletters that are using copyrighted materials.

All pictures and clipart must be accompanied with documentation showing that we have legal use of it. Either a statement that you took the pictures and have the rights to have them published or a link/reference to the place that it came from.

Thank you for your cooperation and sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) to me by email:

Michigander@mifcrv.org

Michigander DEADLINE DATES

DEADLINES for submitting articles to the Michigander are:

December 10 for the January issue

March 10 for the April issue

Friday after State Spring for the July issue

Friday after State Fall for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: michigander@mifcrv.org.



STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

The Michigan State Association's 50th State Spring Campout was the best! We had forgotten how nice the Hillsdale Fairgrounds are and the weather couldn't have been better. We had 26 families camping and many come in for the day on Saturday.

We wanted to host the spring campout since this is also the site for the Great Lakes Regional in Michigan this year. There are many things to see and do within an hour of the fairgrounds. Please put the dates on your calendar, August 5-7 with early arrivals beginning July 30 and join us for another fun-filled weekend packed with family activities.

There were many new and different activities provided along with the ones we love so much such as the Puppet Theatre (our youth made their own puppets and we enjoyed their performance, Rain Gutter Regatta and boat race, a t-shirt craft, volleyball with teens vs young adults, a tour of the Jiffy Plant at Chelsea Milling Company, several trips by some to our favorite restaurant, Saucy Dog's in Jonesville, family games, and much more. Thank you everyone for making this campout so special.

This is the time of year for chapter anniversary awards. This year's 50th anniversary awards went to Forest Dwellers, Ledge Loafers and Timber Town Travelers. Awards for 45th anniversaries went to Al-Camp-Egan, Aqua Jets, Still-A-Goin and Travel Kats. Congratulations to all!

We are excited that Marci McIntosh and Geoff Stringer have stepped forward as program chairs for our young adults. We have many young families coming to state campouts and Geoff and Marci have many ideas for activities for them.

Emily Kurburski, Teen Queen and Shawn Crookedacre, Teen King, are anxious to get to Shawnee, OK and participate in the National Teen Pageant. It appears they will have many Michigan supporters to cheer them on.

Hope to see you in Shawnee!

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors, statedirectors@mifcrv.org

RETIREE NEWS

MICHIGAN RETIREE RALLY

When, where? September 6-10, 2016 at the Church of God Campground, 8489 N. Bagley Road, St Louis, Michigan 48880
Every Retiree in Michigan is invited to come to this rally. You do not have to belong to a chapter. Come join us and let's have some fun!

Amanda MacDonald is our person on registration and she will be putting an application in *The Michigander* by the January 2016 issue.

Some of the things going on during the rally will be MEALS! Tuesday will be fish and fries. Thursday's menu consists of pulled pork, chips, and salad. There will also be an ice cream social and bingo. Lots of games will be going on and door prizes – if you can, please bring one.

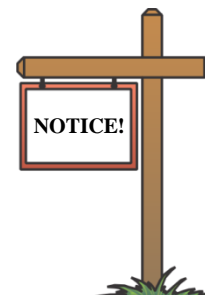
Barb Jorham will be coordinating the hospitality. Our chair people Fred & Shirley Schaeding will be planning things with their committees.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you Retirees at the Michigan Retiree Rally!

The Michigander is published 2 ways.

We are mailing one using the U.S. Postal Service. This printed copy is in black & white consisting of only the first 12 pages and does not contain color or pictures. If you desire to see the rest of the pages with the pictures and color; the digital edition of The Michigander may be accessed online at: <http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/>

(USPS weight limitation for a first class letter will only allow only 6 sheets of paper with first class postage.)



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

It is graduation season and I would like to congratulate all the graduates out there. Soon you will be embarking on a new phase of your life. Some of you are going off to college; others will be heading straight into the working world. Whatever your direction, my advice to you is to wade right in with a positive attitude and a smile; it will take you a long way.

By the time you receive this edition of *The Michigander*, the 2015-16 scholarship application deadline will have passed. I'd like to remind you to be eligible for a scholarship **next year**, one of the requirements is the applicant **or** applicant's parents must attend at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout this year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout. So, get out there and camp with your FCRV family and enjoy our wonderful organization. Have a great summer!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Teens living at home planning to attend college or a trade school, upon turning 20 years of age, will need to request a 20-year old honorary membership from the Michigan State Director to apply for a free membership. To be eligible for a National or Michigan FCRV scholarship, you must be a **member in good standing**. (See policy below)

Michigan Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, www.mifcrv.org. Be sure to apply for a National Scholarship by contacting the National Scholarship Director at fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com. Remember to enter FCRV Scholarship in the subject line.

For questions contact:

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

2084 Madsen Rd.

Saginaw, MI 48601

Ph. 989-777-5958 or E-mail: scholarship@mifcrv.org

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

POLICY - TWENTY YEAR OLD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Any single child of an FCRV member in good standing, may at the age of 20, request of the State/Provincial Director that his/her name be placed on the 20 year old honorary membership list. The name, address, and birth date of the 20 year old will be provided to the national office through the State/Provincial Directors.

2. FCRV will extend the membership of a single child through the age of 24 if that individual is in the military or a student in college or technical school. **This extension ceases upon leaving college, release from the military, marriage, or lack of application to the State/Provincial Director EACH year for a membership extension.** At the end of the extension period the member must pay for a renewal at the going rate.



With Deepest Sympathy

FCRV member Galen Lester Grubb - Of Burton, age 85, died Friday, July 1, 2016 at Hurley Medical Center. Surviving are 3 children, Ronald Grubb, Cindy Stewart and Brian Grubb; 7 Grandchildren; 11 Great-grandchildren; 3 Brothers and 2 Sisters

Galen was a member of Family Campers and RVers



Nika Lisle (MacDonald) Hankins, 58, of Vermontville, passed away on June 2, 2016 in Lansing, MI.

Nika is survived by her daughter, Cassandra Hankins of Lansing, MI; son, Mark Hankins; her mother Amanda MacDonald; two sisters, JoDee (Tony) Pruden, Kelly Hartman of Mulliken, MI; brother, Kent (Teresa) MacDonald of Charlotte, MI; and 9 Grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

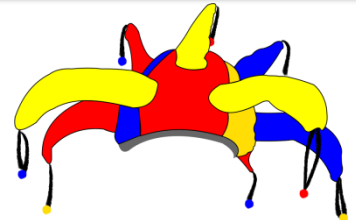
Nika was a long time member of the Family Campers and RVers.



BLUE WATER MIXER

THEME:

CRAZY HAT WEEKEND



SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 2016
EASTERN MICH. FAIRGROUNDS
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

FEES:
\$ 10.00 REGISTRATION FEE
\$ 35.00 CAMPING FEE
\$ 45.00 TOTAL
NO CANADIAN CHECKS , PLEASE
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
LATE REGISTRATION IS \$2.00 AT THE GATE
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BLUE WATER MIXER
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603 N. 3RD ST
ST. CLAIR, MI. 48079
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NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ PROV. _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
CHAPTER NAME AND # _____
UNIT TYPE _____ LENGTH _____ #SLIDES _____
#IN FAMILY _____ ADULT _____ TEEN _____ DD _____ YOUTH _____

THOSE IN HANDICAP WILL NOT BE PARKED WITH
THEIR CHAPTER. YOU MUST HAVE A VALID HANDICAP STICKER
OR DOCTOR'S NOTE.
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BINGO, SOUP KETTLE, PROJECT SALE
AND MUCH MORE.
A FREE WEEKEND WILL BE DRAWN FOR THOSE REGISTERED
BY AUG. 15, 2016.

PAID \$ _____

BASIC ELECTRIC AVAILABLE!!!!

Tailgating in the North

MSA State Fall Campout September 14-18, 2016

Early arrivals welcome on Wednesday after 5pm.

Activities: tours, candy bar bingo, evening entertainment, crafts, hot dogs and chips luncheon on Saturday (hosted by the youth), Friday night Walking Taco's, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, family games, washer toss, horseshoes, hospitality (homemade cookies all weekend), Praise Gang Puppeteers, project sales, silent auction, Teen/Youth Pageant, youth activities, teen activities.

Join us for touchdowns
and team spirit at:
Church of God
Campground.
13603 Veenstra Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Saturday: Wear your favorite team jersey/t-shirt and create your ultimate tailgating recipe to share at our camp-wide tailgating party.

Make Checks payable to:
Michigan State Assn/FCRV

Send Registrations to:
Dave and Heidi Mull
11435 Prairie Ave
Allendale, MI 49401

Activity Fee (non-refundable) \$25
Camping Fee (\$20 a night) \$40
Total Camping Fee for Friday and Saturday
\$65

Friday Gate Registration for unregistered campers
\$70

Total Amount Enclosed
\$20 x ____ (# of Days) + \$25 activity fee = \$____



Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State/Prov.: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____
Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No.: _____ M.A.I.: _____
FCRV #: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Type of Unit: _____ Length ft.: _____ No. of slide outs _____

____ We are handicapped and MUST be parked in the handicapped area. We understand that we will not be with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

* Handicapped registrations MUST be received by the registration deadline to be parked in the handicapped area.

of Teens _____ # of Youth _____ (please provide names and ages on back of form)

☺ The campground has two cabins for \$20 a night, two cabins for \$30 a night, fourteen dorm rooms for \$20 a night, and two apartment rooms for \$45 a night. If you are interested in these accommodations, please contact Anne Kurburski at akurburski@yahoo.com or 231-838-2335.

☺ We are offering two tours. Please check if you are interested

____ Thursday: Kilwins Chocolate Factory and Maple Moon Sugarbush Farm

____ Friday: Local Farm Tours

Co-Chairs: Anne and Foster Kurburski (231) 838-2335 email: akurburski@yahoo.com

Co-Chairs: Dave and Heidi Mull (616) 892-7794 email: spiceman@altelco.net

Registration Deadline: September 3, 2016

Gilligan's Island

2016 Great Lakes Regional August 4-7, 2016

Early arrivals welcome beginning Sunday, July 31

Planned activities begin Thursday, August 4, 2016

Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, 115 S Broad St, Hillsdale, MI 48242

www.hillsdalecountyfair.org

Some of the planned activities include: Gilligan's Island Character's Costume Parade (be creative and dress like one of the seven characters!), Saturday evening Variety Show (please register your "act" below and consider participating in this fun event!), Life Boat Drill—Michigan Style, hospitalities hosted by states in our Great Lakes Region, family games, evening activities, crafts, Saturday hot dog lunch, Sunday breakfast, Sunday Church Service with the Praise Gang Puppeteers, area attractions, possibly a golf outing, and other surprises! Please bring door prize donations for youth, teens and/or adults.

There are many things to see and do in Hillsdale County.

Plan to arrive early and enjoy South-Central Michigan!

Make Checks payable to: Michigan Field Directors of MSA

Send Registration to:

John/Linda English

Michigan State Directors

Registration Deadline: July 15, 2016 P.O. Box 215

Quincy, MI 49082

Activity Fee \$20

Camping Fee is \$15 per night

Friday Gate Registration Activity Fee for
unregistered campers \$25 (please
preregister)

\$15 x ____ (# of camping nights)
\$20 activity fee

Questions: Call Linda at 248.797.5030 or Email: mifcrv@mifcrv.org

2016 Great Lakes Regional, Hillsdale, MI

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Prov.: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Variety Show Act:

Please indicate number of person's attending **Thursday, August 4 activities** (reservations required):

___ Jiffy Tour (free), Chelsea, MI, 11:00 A.M. (1-hour drive from fairground) www.jiffymix.com/index.php/tours/ Please read tour information on website. Age requirement: children must be in first grade or above.

___ Saucy Dog's, Jonesville, (order off menu; late lunch) <http://oliviaschophouse.com/index-sd>

___ Sauk Theatre, Jonesville, MI (6:30 PM tour (free); 7:00 PM evening rehearsal (donation requested) www.thesauk.org

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No.: _____ M.A.L.: _____

FCRV Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length ft.: _____ No. of slide outs _____

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of Teens _____ # of Youth _____ Please include names and ages with registration form.

___ Special needs—please explain (medical, physical, food, pets, not self-contained, etc.)

MICHIGAN RETIREE RALLY
SEPTEMBER 6-10, 2016
CHURCH OF GOD CAMPGROUND
8489 N. Bagley Road
St. Louis, MI 48880

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Make checks payable to MSA. We will accept checks at the gate but please call if you plan to attend @ 517-726-0053

Mail to Amanda McDonald, 9698 Bismark Hwy, Vermontville MI 49096

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NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE & ZIP CODE_____

PHONE_____

Type of Unit_____ Length_____

_____ We must be parked in handicapped area

Extra Nights (payable to campground): \$20.00 per night. You can also register with the campground for extra nights at info@stlouiscamp.org 989-681-2581

Registration Fee:

\$30.00 - Activity Fee. \$40.00 - Camping (\$70.00 - Total for whole week)

Amount enclosed \$_____

HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT

OCTOBER 7TH 8TH & 9TH 2016

HUDSONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS IN HUDSONVILLE MI

Activities include costume judging, trick or treating, family games, pancake breakfast (donations accepted), pumpkin decorating, cash bingo, dessert walk, hospitality and much more! Bring your own beverage cups! New Camp Wide potluck, Sat @ 6:00PM. Bring dish to pass and table service. Bring bikes for a bike parade!

\$25.00 PREREGISTRATION

\$25.00 DUE AT THE GATE

\$50.00 TOTAL FOR THE WEEKEND

\$25.00 RALLY FEE FOR SECOND FAMILY IN UNIT AND ROYALTY

\$10.00 PER CAR PER DAY FOR A ONE DAY VISITOR PASS

\$18.00 ADDITIONAL FOR THURSDAY ARRIVAL

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT

C/O CINDY WESTRA

5101 S IVA RD

Merrill, MI. 48637

PHONE (616)915-2293

Clwestra10@att.net

Name _____

Address _____

#of Teens _____ **#of Youths** _____ **Handicapped** _____



Octoberest 2016

October 21-23, 2016

Comfort Inn, Lansing

525 N Canal Road; 517.627.8381

Make sure you identify Michigan Field Staff to receive the group rate. Group rate deadline: October 1, 2016

Room Rate: \$88.48

- Free in room Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV, microwave, mini-fridge and coffeemaker.
- Complimentary hot breakfast buffet provided; indoor heated pool, hot tub, and gym.

3 PM Saturday: *Village Green of Lansing—Community Room*

5200 Mall Dr. W, 2.3 miles East of the Comfort Inn (thanks Courtney Mull!)

- Potluck/meeting, games and socializing
- Bring a potluck dish to share; meat and table service will be provided.
- \$10 gift exchange (optional)
- Bring a snack to share and your own beverage.
- There is a full kitchen in the Community Room we can use. We will need to clean up before we leave!

Please RSVP if you plan to join us Saturday and not booking a room.

John/Linda English 248.797.5030 or statedirectors@mifcrv.org

