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The Michigander

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Campout and Meeting Announcements

March 20-25, 2018 - National Retiree Rally, Tallahassee, FL April 27-29, 2018 - Southeast District Mixer, Davisburg, MI May 4-6, 2018 - Blue Water District Mini-Mixer, Pt. Huron, MI May 18-20, 2018 – MSA State Spring – Branch Co. Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI June 8-10, 2018 - Northern District Mixer, Gladwin, MI 2018 Campvention – July 9-13; Early Days July 7 & 8 Meadow Event Park, Ashland, Virginia August 1-5, 2018 - Great Lakes Regional Campout -, Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, WI September 4-8, 2018 - State Retiree Rally, St Louis, MI Sept 21-23, 2018 - MSA State Fall, Imlay City, MI 2019 Campvention - July 7-13; Early Day July 5, Noon Kansas State Fairground, Hutchinson, KS

2020 Campvention - Canada, looking for grounds

Please support the many activities scheduled in 2017.

(Also see registration forms on pages 11-14)

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Awards

At the State Fall Campout in Gladwin we presented two awards. The 2017 Jonsey Award was presented to Katie Kurburski and the 2017 Family of the Year Award was presented to Matt and Brenda Dietrich.

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.



The Michigander Editor Ron O'Dell 7065 Mowerson Road Melvin, Michigan 48454

Editor's note: Please check your Michigander EXPIRATION DATE

Sympathy..... Scope Magazine

Campout Registrations

Send correction to: Michigander@mifcrv.org (Only if you are subscriber for a Mailed copy)

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Michigan State Association of NCHA/FCRV and send to: Jane Thornton, Treasurer 2084 Madsen Dr., Saginaw, MI 48601-9321 treasurer@mifcrv.org

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News from the MSA President

The winter season is upon us. I imagine the rigs staying here are now winterized for the season and hoping all the snowbirds will have safe travel to their destinations. The big Family Holidays Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years have just passed; wishing everyone a safe and Healthy 2018.

Please keep the upcoming State and District campouts in mind when planning next year's schedule. With the risk of sounding like a broken record our survival depends on good attendance at these events.

Thank you, Paul R Jones president@mifcrv.org

Calling all FCRV Teens....

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Are you artistic and creative?

Then we need you to design the 2018 Campvention Royalty Contest T-Shirt.

This is the shirt that the contestants and outgoing court will wear during the Royalty Contest opening number and for the Poise and Confidence (essay) portion. Our theme for 2018 is "Where Our Country Began." T-shirt designs should convey the theme and be simple as T-shirts will only be printed in a single color.

Send your designs to Becca Coniglio at <u>beccaconiglio@yahoo.com</u> <u>with 2018</u> <u>Royalty Contest T-shirt Design in the subject line.</u> <u>The deadline for entries</u> <u>is February 28.</u>



Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) to me by email: <u>Michigander@mifcrv.org</u>

Be sure to include DOUCUMENTATION for any pictures or clipart.

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 **<u>TODAY</u>** by sending articles to: <u>michigander@mifcrv.org</u>.

Anyone may submit an article for consideration to be included.



STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Another great camping season is in the books and in addition to Michigan's activities; we sure enjoyed our involvement in Campvention! We learned first-hand what goes in to planning this annual event. We worked with exceptional leadership and the week

was a big success. Thank you once again to all who were involved and those who attended Campvention in Lima.

We had two chapters who each hosted our MSA Spring and Fall Campouts: The Eager Beavers hosted in Charlotte and Nature's Nuts hosted in Gladwin. Both campouts were a huge success due to all their hard work and thanks to those who attended. There were many new activities and we are so thankful for their leadership.

Please continue to recruit new members through the Cadet Program. District directors have been given the cloth bags to assist in welcoming our new potential members. Mentors are assigned to each Cadet Member to assist in becoming full members. Please let us know if we can help with this program.

It is that time of year for chapters to submit their officers, camping schedule and membership list. Please get this information to us as soon as you finalize your camping schedule. The chapter president's list will be printed in the April edition of The Michigander.

Each chapter president will receive a survey to solicit information needed by our national office. We will forward the survey once it is received.

Our new national logo was presented at the MSA November Delegates Meeting. This will be phased in over the next 12-18 months. This logo was designed to start a conversation about who we are. The Trustees feel the new logo will better represent FCRV.

The 2018 Great Lakes Region Campout will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the Brown County Fairgrounds August 1-5 with early days July30-31. All campsites will have water and electric. The fairground is located on the Fox River and is a great fishing river; they also have a boat launch. This is an amazing area with lots to see and do...come early and stay late! Michigan will host hospitality and an activity; please let us know your thoughts and ideas and we hope you plan to attend and support our region.

Field director annual commitments are now due. Please let us know via email (<u>mifcrv@mifcrv.org</u>) if you will continue in that capacity. We are always looking for additional field staff... let us knows if you are interested or know someone who is.

We recommend an annual review of your chapter's constitution and by-laws making sure you are doing what those documents say and in accordance with FCRV. We can provide a review document that lists the FCRV requirements for each of these documents as well as the documents held by national.

Let us know if there is anything we can help you or your chapter with and thank you for your commitment to FCRV in Michigan.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors





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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. Mailed subscriptions cost \$8.00 per year.

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: <u>http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/</u>





Scholarship News

It's the end of the year and most of us have our mind tuned to the upcoming holiday season. You don't want to forget your Scholarship applications. I know it seems June 1st is a long way off but it's never too early to start pulling together your information to go along with your submittal. The deadline will be here before you know it! Deadline and requirements as follows:

- 1) Application deadline: June 1st
- 2) All applications mailed by U.S. mail must have a legible post office marked date stamp on the envelope to be accepted for judging. Applications emailed will be accepted by the date and time on the email.
- 3) Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 4) The applicant **or** applicant's parents must have attended at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout in the previous year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout.

Have a great holiday season and see you at spring!

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)

Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, <u>www.mifcrv.org</u>. Be sure to apply for a national scholarship; the contact information is at the bottom of the Michigan scholarship application. For questions contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director 2084 Madsen Rd. – Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958

E-mail: <u>scholarship@mifcrv.org</u>.

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.

FCRV National Election 2018

This year we will be electing three Trustee positions as required by our constitution & bylaws. The positions we will be electing next year will be President, Vice President of Programs, and Recording/Corresponding Officer.

The election committee would like to have two candidates for each position. We have many qualified members that would be excellent Trustees. We need you to volunteer to run for one of these positions. Without volunteers, it is very unfair to ask the same people to serve year after year.

Speaking from experience, I can tell you the job of a trustee is not difficult and the friends and experience you will gain is well worth the effort. If you would like more information, please contact me, or one of my committee members.

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FCRY NATIONAL IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Campvention:

2018- Meadow Event Park, Ashland, Virginia, July 9-13; Early Days July 7 & 8

- 175 Full hook up sites (parked as you arrive); water/electric only sites will receive one free dump
- **Parking is straight hobo**; arrive together if you want to park together
- Cost is \$290 on or before June 21; \$300 at gate; second family in unit \$135
- One hour to Washington DC; there will be an area on grounds to purchase tickets to some tourist attractions
- Raffle for homemade quilt which has patches from all previous Campventions.

2019- Kansas State Fairground, Hutchinson, KS - July 7-13; Early Day July 5, Noon, \$14

2020-Canada, looking for grounds

Great Lakes Regional Campout: August 1-5, 2018, Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, WI

Hello RVers,

It is time to start getting new members for this year. How? I am not certain, but the more we talk about FCRV the more others will become curious.

Pick up some of the "Come Camp with Us" brochures and leave them at restaurants, feed stores, building supply stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, the hair dresser, etc. If you are having club events, invite friends to join in and make them feel comfortable to be there. Wear some items that advertise camping and FCRV i.e. hats, badges, t-shirts, patches, FCRV club vests, etc.

Word of mouth is the best advertising one can do!

The above is the sole opinion of the editor, Ron O'Dell

RETIREE NEWS!!!

Season Greetings Everyone! Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday! When doing your calendar for this year, remember to mark the date for the 2018 Retiree National Rally, March 20-25 in Tallahassee, Fl.; the State Spring, May 18-20 in Coldwater; the State Retiree Rally, is Sept. 4th-8th in St. Louis at the Church of God Campgrounds hope to see everyone there.

Have a great year.

Thanks Mary Lou Heft, Michigan State Retiree Director



Beginning January 1, 2018, *Camping Today* for a printed version will be available to members only for a subscription rate of \$20 per year. The subscription does not cover the actual cost to provide 12 printed issues. We must be financially responsible to sustain our organization. This was a tough decision we had to make in Michigan many years ago with *The Michigander*.

CAMPING TODAY SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please enroll me as a subscriber for a printed copy of Camping Today. My check, payable to "FCRV" in the amount of \$20.00 (\$25 CDN) or credit card number (Visa or Mastercard only, please) is enclosed for this one year subscription. If your membership expires during your subscription period, and you choose not to renew your membership, your subscription to Camping Today will end at that time, and there will be no refunds issued for the remaining months of the subscription. Keep a copy of your subscription form for your records.

NAME:	Member ID#
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Mail your payment and this form to: Family Campers & RVers 4804 Transit Road Building #2 Depew, NY 14043-4704	

MIFCRV TEEN ROYALTY

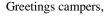
Fellow campers,

It is my pleasure to be writing to you this holiday season! I hope each and every one of you had blessed and happy holidays. I sure know I did.

This New Year, I am starting a new semester in college as well as finishing high school. Graduation day is looking better and better. I am currently spending lots of time volunteering through the National Honors Society at my school. I am working with the YMCA in my school district, so I get to work with elementary kids; which is a blast.

I am looking forward to the snow melting and camping again! I can't wait to see everyone and share stories around the campfire.

Forever grateful, Katie Kurburski Michigan Teen Queen





Hello campers,

Happy holidays from the Kurburski family and myself! I love playing in the snow and building forts and love winter because of that.

These past few months I have been busy with Boy Scouts, builders club, and with 4-H. I spent a weekend at Sleeping Bear Dunes for Boy Scouts. I got to climb the dunes and live out of my pack for the two days.

For builders club, I have helped impact my school by volunteering and giving back to the staff and other students.

In 4-H I attended the Kettunen Center for a weekend filled with crafting. I learned many new craft projects while there.

I am looking forward to camping with everyone in the spring.

Sincerely, Luke Kurburski Michigan Teen King





Scope Camping Magazine

Canada's first RV camping magazine, **Scope Camping Magazine** has invited MIFCRV to read their magazine. It is free to anyone that wishes to read it. They do have a small request form that asks for your name and where you live (You might be able to just click on ENTER farther down the page).

The Spring 2017 issue is over 100 pages long; with many articles that could be of interest to many of our Michigan campers. One in particular is about the Blue Water Fall Mixer complete with nice pictures. Other articles include: Detroit Institute of Art, Geiger Michigan UP press tour, Birdwatching in Michigan's UP, Wooden Boat Building School, FCRV National Campvention, and many others. Take some time browsing through it and enjoy!

You will find the magazine on the Internet at: http://www.clickoncamping.ca/



With Deepest Sympathy

It is with great sadness we share the passing of Judell Payne, former member of Tails-A-Wagon. Judell - Age 79, died December 22, 2017. Contributions may be made to the Resurrection Reformed Church or Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue."......We extend our sympathy to Gordon and their family. Please keep the family and their friends in your prayers.



Chaplain's Corner

Spring is soon approaching and Michigan will become a vision to behold. Green leaves will be popping out of the ground and from the branches of the perennial plants. Flowers will be decorating the landscape with vibrant beauty. The old snow will be gone and the new growth will shine through.

We need to remember to start out fresh again too. Forgive those that need to be forgiven, make new friends, enjoy company of old friends more, and show God's love in all we say and do.

See all of you soon!

Song of Songs 2:11-13 (KJV)

¹¹ For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; ¹³The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.



2018 FCRV Southeast District Mixer Springfield Oaks Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds, Davisburg

Highlights of this year's event are: Friday night meal for donation Cash Bingo 2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner Serengeti Family games 10cent auction Towel Folding (must bring own towels)

 Make checks payable to:
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 Southeast District of FCRV
 Mail with registration form to: Paul and Diane Jones

 387 E Southern Rd
 Form from the

 Coldwater MI 49036
 Form from the

 313.770.5555
 Email dbadjones75@qmail.com

 Pre-registration (nonrefundable)\$25.00
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 Due at registration (cash only)
 \$30.00

 Registration Deadline:
 April 12, 2018

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BLUE WATER MINI MIXER MAY 4-6, 2018 PT. HURON TWP. PARK WATER ST., PT. HURON, MI 810-982-6765

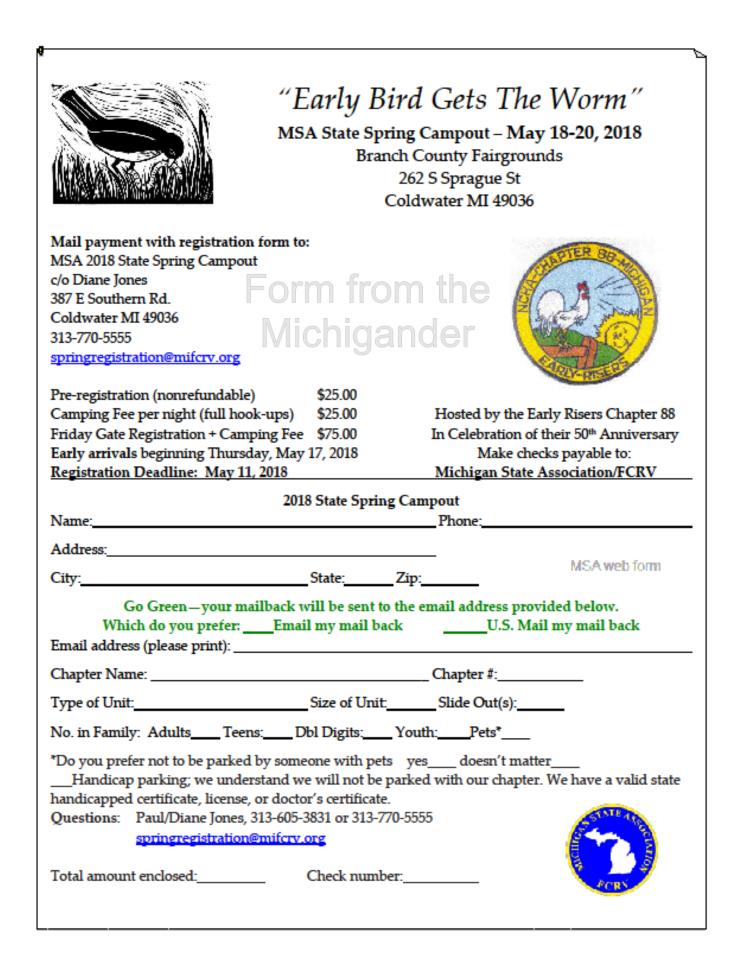
FEES: PRICE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CAMPSITE, ELETRIC & WATER OR FULL HOOKUP. **YOU WILL PAY THE PARK FOR YOUR CAMPSITE**

Please CALL CAMPGROUND (PT. HURON TWP. PARK, WATER ST. (next to Cracker Barrel) PT. HURON, MI 810-982-6765 after April 15, 2018) to make your reservation and email Joyce Williams at <u>MIBLUEWATERFCRV@GMAIL.COM</u> (so we know who is coming). Please tell the campground you are with the FCRV group so you will be parked near the lodge. NO CONFORMATION WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ADULT & FAMILY GAMES, SOUP LUNCH, SATURDAY DINNER POTLUCK (DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE THE CHICKEN FOR SATURDAY DINNER), SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST, FUN FOR ALL AGES. COME HAVE FUN AND RELAX. 2) 50/50 DRAWINGS (SATURDAY) IN PLACE OF ACTIVITY FEE.

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It's a Pirate's Life

with Peg Leg Pete

and the

Northern District Crew

Date: June 8-10, 2018

- Place: Gladwin County Fairgrounds 401 S. State St. - Gladwin, MI
- Facilities: Electricity, showers, water available, fire in containers No gopher holes, Hobo style camping (If you wish to park together, please come in together)
- Fees: \$ 15.00 Rally Fee Advanced Registration (Sorry no refunds) <u>\$ 10.00</u> Per Night Camping Fee **\$ 35.00 Total for Weekend** (No mail backs) \$ 12.00 Thursday Arrivals



Please make checks payable to: Northern District FCRV Mail Registrations to: Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub 9355 E. Lakeview Hills Rd. Traverse City, MI 49684 Cell 231-642-7735

E-mail: petsam6@cs.com

ACTIVITIES: **Thursday – Early Arrivals** – Note: Building will be available for use but hospitality will not open until noon Friday. **Friday** – Bingo **Saturday** – Family Games, Door Prizes, Dime Auction, Camp Wide Potluck Supper, Evening Program **Sunday** – Breakfast & Church

Name:	Amt. Enclosed

Address: _____Chapter No. ____

City:	State:	Zip:

Children: Girls_ Ages___ Boys___ Ages___ Teens_____

2018 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAMPOUT





AUGUST 1-5, 2018 BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS DEPERE, WI

Games, Self-Guided Tours, Saturday Evening Meal Pre-Registration Activity Fee \$15.00 (must be postmarked by July 20, 2018) Activity Fee at the Gate \$20 Camping Fee - \$25.00 per night (water & electric) payable upon arrival, cash or check

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Hosted by Wisconsin, this year's campout will include lots of fun events and food.

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Field Directors

Fund

Send pre-registration activity fee only to: H

Kip & Jan Cushing 2102 88th St. Kenosha, WI 53143



Questions?: Contact us at kcushing@wi.rr.com or call 262-914-5950 (Jan) or 262-914-5951 (Kip)

MSA State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer Sept 21-23, 2018

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69) Imlay City MI 48444 (between Flint & Pt. Huron)

Mail payment with registration form to:

MSA 2018 State Fall Campout C/O Joyce Williams 70259 Karen St Richmond MI 48062 586-242-4584 mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Basic power only

Pre-registration (nonrefundable)	\$25.00
Camping fee per night	\$10.00
Total Fri & Sat registration and camping fee	\$45.00
Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 19	

Make checks payable to: ** Michigan State Association/FCRV

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Registration Deadline September 12, 2018

** Canadian Registrations WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN CHECKS PLEASE EMAIL REGISTRATION TO mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Any Questions call: Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Total amount enclosed

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Hatfields & McCoys

2018 State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer

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