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- CANCELED** - S.E. District Mixer, Davisburg, MI
- CANCELED** - Blue Water Mini Mixer, Port Huron, MI
- May 15-17 - MSA State Spring Campout, Evart, MI
- May 29-31 - Northern District Mixer, Gladwin, MI
- July 13-17 - Campvention, Brigden, ON
- August 5-9 - Great Lakes Regional, Shishewana, IN
- September 7-12 - MSA Retiree Rally, St. Louis, MI
- September 18-20 - MSA State Fall Campout, Marshall, MI
- September 21-23 - State Director Campout, White Cloud, MI
- September 25-27 - Blue Water District Mixer, Imlay City, MI

Indiana Campout Announcements for 2020

Posted as a courtesy for our Indiana Neighbors. These campout dates may conflict with Michigan campouts.

May 1-3 - Cinco De Mayo, Geneva, IN

Please support the many activities scheduled.

(Also see registration forms on pages 9-22 - mailed copy only has pages

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) to me by email: Michigander@mifcrv.org or Editor@mifcrv.org
Be sure to include DOCUMENTATION for any pictures or clipart.

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DEADLINES for submitting articles to the Michigander:
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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:
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News from the MSA President

In the past month we have seen so much happening with the worldwide pandemic. The most important thing is for everyone to be safe and prevent the spread of this virus.

The International Family Campers and RVer's canceled the Retiree Rally in Dothan Alabama. On our own home front, the Southeast District and Bluewater District have canceled their campouts.

The MSA is waiting until April 10th to make a final decision regarding the spring campout. These are trying times for everyone and we are seeing the best and the worst of people but remember the best outnumber the worst by a landslide. In our own organization I am seeing people making masks for the health care industry and many unselfish acts that make me proud of our members.

We will get through this and our camping together will restart again so please be safe and remember to remain positive because negativity is never the answer.

Please check the website (<http://www.mifcrv.org>) frequently under breaking news, for updates because I will do my best to keep everyone informed.

Be safe!

Sincerely,

Paul R Jones

President MSA/FCRV

president@mifcrv.org

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:

502 Andres St.

Chesaning, MI 48616

Or e-mail them to: awards@mifcrv.org

Thank you,
Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner



STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

An early spring is projected for Michigan this year...we hope you are as excited as we are to get the 2020 camping season started!

This year's MSA State Spring Campout will be held at the Osceola Fairgrounds in Ewart, May 15-17, 2020. This is a new site for our state campout, and we hope you have this activity on your camping calendar. The registration form is on our website and was included in the Michigander. This is also the "awards" campout so please come and support the many worthy recipients.

Our Teen Queen, Grace Carey and Teen King, Luke Kurburski are looking forward to representing Michigan at the 2020 Campvention this year in Canada...are you registered? You will find that registration form also on our website and yes you can mail your check as usual! There is also a document that will help with crossing the border. We should receive the Campvention Registration Packet soon so stay tuned. If there is a form you need, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please consider nominating our members for the various national awards this year for their efforts during the 2019 camping season. We have many members who are worthy of these awards and every member can submit a nomination. We can work with you to make this happen...let us know if we can help.

Shipshewana, Indiana is the place for our Great Lakes Region Campout this year being held August 5-9, 2020 at the Shipshewana North Campground. You will find the registration form on our website. This is a great area especially for quilters and close to home! Please register at your earliest convenience and follow the directions on the registration form. More details will be shared when received.

The State Directors Campout (aka Field Staff Campout) will be held at Woods and Waters Campground in Newaygo August 21-23. Saturday will be spent tubing on the river followed by a potluck supper and get together. The Eager Beaver Chapter are our hosts and will provide Sunday breakfast for us. Please see information posted on our website and register soon. Sites are being held under the host chapter name.

As of this edition of The Michigander, no one has shown an interest in the State Director position. We encourage you to strongly consider this leadership position. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and getting to know each of you as we continue to work together to make our association strong. It is now time for someone else to take the lead. Please step up to the plate...we need you!

As we are stepping down effective the fall campout this year, we are not going away! We love this organization and will continue to support it and we hope you will to. We plan to continue as field staff and be as active as we have been.

Linda is excited to share that she has been selected as one of the 2021 Campvention Team Leaders co-chairing with Connie Black, our Great Lakes Regional Director from Illinois. She is looking forward to this appointment working with Connie at Campvention being held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Our team leaders are already meeting and building teams. We are looking for volunteers, ideas and suggestions in our various committee responsibilities: Adult Sports, Family Activity Center (aka Adult Center), Teen Ball, Teen Center, Teen Pageant, Teen Sports. Please say yes to volunteering for 2021 Campvention in Wisconsin!

Recruiting new members is very important to our organization. We have responded to several recent inquiries and our membership remains steady with some growth. It is up to all of us to make sure we grow and prosper. Please invite prospective members to your chapter campout and then to state and district campouts. Once they attend and see all the fun stuff we do, they will be hooked!

We hope you have included at least one state, district and/or regional campout on your chapter camping calendar this year. There are many fun campouts scheduled in our state! We encourage you to review the 2020 camping calendar on our website or in the Michigander and join us...you won't be disappointed!

Please review the chapter presidents list in this edition. If there are changes, please forward them to us as soon as possible. It is also time to let us know your list of officers, chapter members and camping schedules. If you have made any changes to your chapter's constitution or by-laws, please forward to us electronically via email or mail for review and approval. They will then be forwarded to the national office.

We hope to see you at many of our scheduled campouts this year. Please remember to support our state and district campouts. Your attendance is what financially supports our districts and state association.

See you in Ewart!

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

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RETIREE NEWS!!!

Do not forget September 7-12, 2020 are the dates for the MSA Retiree Rally at The St. Louis, MI Church of God Campground. If you are coming please call Linda English at (248) 797-5030; then we can plan the meals.

Be sure to plan on enjoying the State Spring and Fall campouts. See you all there.

My new phone number is (616) 706-2543

**Thank you,
Mary Lou Heft, MI State Retiree Director**

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

There was a robin in my yard this morning, a sure sign spring is just around the corner. It also means graduation is only a couple of months away; time to think about completing your scholarship application and gathering the required attachments.

A special thank you goes out to Paul and Diane Jones for a donation in memory of James Gurski Sr. and Jean LeDuke! It is very much appreciated!

Scholarship 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.

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, www.mifcrv.org. 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: scholarship@mifcrv.org.

See you somewhere down the road!!
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.

Dear Michigan Field Staff,

As you may or may not know, John & Linda English will be retiring in September 2020. We are sure you all join us in thanking them for the time they have given to serve Michigan and its members.

It is now time to start the process of selecting a new State Director. That is the reason for this email. I would like to know if any of you would like to be considered to fill the position of State Director or if you have any suggestions for possible candidates. If you or know of someone who would be a good candidate for Sue Fromholzer, Vice President - Operations, and I to consider for recommendation to the Trustees, please let us know **by August 20**. I will then talk with those candidates about the duties, etc. of the State Director, and if they are interested in being considered for the position, have them submit a resume. Sue & I will then go over the resumes and we may talk with the candidates again before submitting our recommendations to the Trustees for the final approval. We would like to have this process completed by your Fall Campout, if possible.

John & Linda will be willing to mentor and/be assistants to the new State Director for at least the first year. They would also like to stay on as Field Directors for the Southeast District.

Thank you for all you do for Michigan and its members and We look forward to your input on filling the position of State Director.

For the betterment of FCRV,
Doug & Connie Black
Family Campers & RVers
Regional Director

ILFCRV@yahoo.com

Doug & Connie Black, 13250 Cornthwaite Rd., Moweaqua, IL 62550
January 12, 2020

New DSAT Director

Hello everyone; hopefully everyone is thawed out, warmed up and ready for camping.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to the start of camping season, and as a friendly reminder make sure your tow vehicle/motorhome are in tip top condition by checking fluid levels, brakes, tires including your spare. When inspecting your RV check your tires, wheel bearings, LP gas systems, water supply systems, batteries, LP/smoke/carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers. This isn't a complete list but just a few items you can check on. Everyone's RV's are different along with how and what people lookout for. You can even create your own inspection list that can be used at the beginning and throughout the year.

Also be careful maneuvering the roadways not only the road conditions but construction season and detours.

If anyone needs to contact me my information is listed below.

Everyone have a safe and happy camping season for 2020.

Tom Lewis
Michigan DASAT Director
989-640-1181
tcl_butch@yahoo.com



**MSA Spring Campout
MAY 15 – 17, 2020**

Don't forget to mail in your registration form for the MSA Spring "Just Winging It" campout at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evart, MI. The hosts and their gaggle of helpers are planning a wonderful weekend for you and are very excited about the new to us facility with many wonderful amenities.

Early arrivals are welcome beginning May 13th with activities beginning on Thursday, May 14th. Thursday is game day so bring your cards, games, and puzzles to the "Chicken Coop" (Community Hall) and join in the fun. Friday activities include a trip to Cops and Donuts in Clare, always a unique experience, and to the Country Bake House, a wonderful Amish Bakery.

Saturday activities include chapter project sales and flea market, a craft, family games, and a potluck supper with the meat provided. The evening program will be a talent show. Whether you want to sing a little ditty, recite a poem, or strum your guitar we hope you will share your talent with us.

Sunday we will wrap up the "fine feathered" weekend with breakfast, church with the Praise Gang Puppets, and MSA meeting. Before you "fly away home", we hope you will be able to say to your friends you had a great time "shaking your tail feathers" at the Spring Campout.

Teen Directors News

Geoff and I are very excited to have accepted the Teen Directors position at the State Fall Campout. With only a few days between accepting the position and articles being due, there's not a lot to share. We are asking:

1. That all the teens join us and bring ideas for a MSTA meeting at the 2020 Spring Campout during the adult state meeting.
2. Anyone who might have any "stuff" that belongs to the Teen Association, please let us know that you have it asap.
3. Anyone with ideas for the MSTA pass them along to us!

We look forward to working with all of you!

Marci McIntosh & Geoff Stringer

Email: teens@mifcrv.org

MIFCRV TEEN ROYALTY

Hello Fellow Campers,

I hope that everyone is staying healthy during this crazy time. Most of my activities have been cancelled, including school, track, and youth group. Although I am a little disappointed with what's going on, I know that it is for good reason.

But, with everything going on, I am so excited for the camping season to begin, and I hope that everything goes back to normal soon.

I am busy preparing for Campvention this summer, and I hope to see many of you there!

Stay safe and thanks again for the endless support,
Grace Carey, 2019-2020 Michigan Teen Queen



Hello Camping Friends,

It is an honor to represent the state of Michigan as the 2019-2020 Michigan Teen King.

It has been a great year so far! I completed Level 1 Driver's Education and am super excited to finish and get my license. I am a freshman at Petoskey High School, where I am also taking some career and technological classes this semester. I am enjoying Intro to Auto, which I am very excited for!

Even though the winter means no camping, I have been getting outside and skiing, unfortunately I haven't had any snow days yet.

I recently received the AD ALTARE DEI award for boy scouts after spending three months working on understanding religion.

My favorite meal to make when camping is Ramen noodles! I look forward to telling you all some more jokes at the campout in the spring.

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to representing Michigan at Campvention in Canada!

Luke Kurburski
Michigan Teen King 2019-2020



Stay-at-Home?

Michigan has a stay-at-home order in place at the time this issue of the Michigander was put together. This order is in place to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

You do not have to sit at home and go stir-crazy as the order does not prohibit Michiganders from going outside to exercise or enjoy nature.

It is important that you keep the recommended distance of 6 feet from people that are not part of your family. You may still go (at this writing) boondock camping in the woods, fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities where there are no crowds. Take with you all your supplies so there is no need to go shopping. Pay for fuel at the pump and be sure to wear gloves, then sanitize your hands after disposing of the gloves.

State parks (**NO RESTROOMS**) and many other parks are still open, so get out of the house, get some fresh air, exercise, and BREATHE! Again, keep the 6-foot safe distance from others. Just remember that state campgrounds and most other campgrounds will be closed. Camping can still be done ~~in pull-off places in the~~ (**Now CLOSED to all camping until at least April 13, 2020**) ~~State and National forests or even~~ on private property if there are no people outside your family joining you. Call the DNR or click this link to the DNR Covid-19 page for current information:

https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79137_79770_98458---,00.html?utm_campaign=covid19%20state%20park%20reductions&utm_medium=pr&utm_source=govdelivery

Camping reservations for Michigan State Parks between March 23 and April 13 will not be honored according to the Department of Natural Resources, because of the stay-at-home order. All reservations for those dates are canceled. All current reservations will receive full refunds, including the reservation fees. No extra cancellation or modification fees will be charged.

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Chaplain's Corner

Welcome Spring!

God is refreshing the earth for us. Now we need to refresh ourselves for God. Spring cleaning is more than cleaning the house, yard, garage, and garden. Spring is also a great time to renew worshipping God, if one has strayed.

Deuteronomy 32:2(KJV)

²My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Note: Obituaries are no longer included in the Michigander unless it is requested by the family of the deceased. Thank you for understanding.

Ron O'Dell, Chaplain

Pray for each other as we are all going through this time with coping because of the Coronavirus Covid-19. Praying that your family and friends are staying safe.

At the time of that the Michigander was put together, Ida, me, and our family are all doing fine.



A Day at the Races

April 24-25, 2020



2020 FCRV
Southeast District
Mixer
Springfield Oaks
Oakland County 4H
Fairgrounds,
Davisburg

CANCELED

Make checks payable to:
Southeast District FCRV
Add mail with registration form to:
Paul and Diane Jones
387 E. ...
Coldwater MI 49036
313.770.5555
Email dbadjones75@gmail.com

Highlights of the weekend are:
Friday night meal for donation
Cash Bingo
2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner
Family games
10cent auction
Fun Surprises

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00
Due at registration (cash only) \$30.00
Registration at the gate \$55.00

Registration Deadline: April 14, 2020



Form from the
Michigander

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Size of Unit: _____ Slide Out(s): _____

No. in Family: Adults _____ Teens: _____ Dbl Digits: _____ Youth: _____ Pets _____

_____ Handicapped Parking (with permit) Chapter: _____

_____ Special Dietary Needs (with physician letter). We will do our best to accommodate this need.

Special Needs (please be specific) _____

Email: _____ Snail Mail: yes no

BLUE WATER MINI MIXER

MAY 1- 3, 2020

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
(call 810-982-6765 and April 5, 2020 to make your reservation* and email Joyce Williams at
MIBL@EWA.ERFCRV.GMAIL.COM (so we know who is coming). Please tell the campground you are
with the FURV group so we will be park near the lodge.

CANCELLED

NO CONFIRMATION 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.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTAL CODE
ZIP: _____

CHAPTER NAME & # _____

EMAIL: _____

Form from the
Michigander

UNIT TYPE: _____ LENGTH: _____ SLIDES: _____

IN FAMILY: _____ YOUTH: _____ TEENS: _____



Just Winging It

2020 MSA State Spring Campout

Osceola Fairgrounds

101 Recreation Avenue, Ewart, MI 49631

May 15-17, 2020

Early Arrival May 13-14, 2020

Hosted by the Schaub's and Thornton's & Company



Some of the activities will include: area attractions; family games; hospitality; crafts; project sales; community campfire; youth and teen activities; Saturday Breakfast, Potluck Supper, and Evening Talent Show (Please showcase your talent and sign up); Sunday Breakfast and Church.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length of Unit: _____ Slide Out (s): _____

No. in Family: Adults: _____ Young Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: _____

*Do you prefer not to be parked by someone with pets yes _____ doesn't matter _____

Parking is straight hobo. All sites have water and 30 or 50 amp service. There are three restroom/bath houses. The dump station is located within the camping area.

____ Handicap parking; we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate. You **MUST** pre-register for handicap parking.

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No. _____

Special needs (please be specific): _____

Go Green—your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below.

Email: _____ Snail Mail: Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: Camping fee is \$20 per night; Activity Fee is \$25.

Form from the
Michigander

PLEASE return this registration form with a check made payable to Michigan State Assn/FCRV no later than May 1, 2020 for the full amount (total camping fee plus activity fee) to:

John/Linda English
c/o 2020 MSA Spring Campout
P.O. Box 215
Quincy, MI 49082

Questions: Contact Ray Thornton raythor2@aol.com, 989.245-5985

Check number: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

**Northern District's
Rootin' Tootin' Wildwest Campout**



Date: May 29, 30, 31, 2020
Early Arrivals May 28th

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)
\$ 15.00 Per Night Camping Fee
\$ 45.00 Total for Weekend (No mail backs)
\$ 15.00 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

Form from the
Michigander

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

Northern District Mixer 2020

Name: _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Address: _____ Chapter No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Children: Girls _____ Ages _____ Boys _____ Ages _____

Teens: Girls _____ Guys _____



60TH INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE

Family Campers & Rver's

Hosted by Region #7 Eastern Canada

Brigden Fairgrounds,

2435 Courtright Line Brigden, ON, N0N 1B0

July 13 – July 17th 2020,

fee covers July 12-17th (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 10th & 11th @ \$ 25/night (pay @ registration- cash)

Registrations are needed by: **June 1st, 2020**



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State/Province: _____ Postal Code/Zip Code: _____
 Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____
 Handicapped/ Special Needs Parking: Yes: _____, No: _____
 Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Tent _____
 Number of people in your unit: _____
 # of Adults: _____, Teens: _____, Youth 0-12: _____, Total # of people in unit: _____
 Please list the names and ages of all the Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

Gates will be open from 8am- 8pm (all days)

REGISTRATION

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be Canadian currency of cheques or money orders. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	Registration	At Gate
One Family in the Unit	\$325 CDN	\$335 CDN
Extra Family in Unit (pay separate)	\$ 200 CDN	\$210 CDN
Week Drive-In pass	\$200 CDN	\$210 CDN
Walk-In Camp Pass (per day)	\$40 CDN	\$40 CND

Make cheques/Money Orders payable to: 2020 FCRV Campvention , * CASH ONLY AT GATE

Mail to: Marilyn Rosenberger
 1505 Ottawa Street N. Apt 511
 Kitchener Ontario N2A 0E8

Contact at : 1-519-501-4331 or rosenberger44@gmail.com

Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$35 CDN will be refunded

I Would like to volunteer for: _____?

Form from the
 Michigander

Editor's Note: Information for traveling to Canada Can be found on page 8 of the October 2019 Michigander <http://miferv.org/Michigander/volume54number4.pdf>
 More important information about 2020 Campvention is on pages 14-15 of this issue.

Paying for 2020 Campvention

An attempt was made to set up an account to make it possible for our members to register and pay for Campvention using a credit card. For the Canadian Campvention this has proved to be impossible. Sorry, please follow these procedures to register for the Brigden Campvention. Even though initially we did not allow you to write a check to pay for Campvention due to the exchange, we now have a process to allow us to take your check. Please be sure to include the registration form which can be **printed** from “Camping Today” or be found on the website fcrv.org, then click the “Join/Renew” tab, then select “Event Registration”. The registration fees have been converted to U.S. funds are as follows: Campvention registration fee is \$255; golf cart registration fee is \$275; and the extra family fee is \$155. All of these are U.S. dollars. **PLEASE INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE REGISTRATION FEES IN ONE CHECK.** Write your check payable to 2020 FCRV Campvention and MAIL to Marilyn Rosenberger, 1505 Ottawa Street N, Apt #151, Kitchener, ONT, CA N2A 0E8.

The 2020 Campvention host team for Brigden, Canada is doing very well. Registration forms are available in “Camping Today” and on our website fcrv.org under the Campvention tab. There are separate forms for Campvention and Golf Cart Rental. Please use both forms.

It is important to also share the information regarding traveling into Canada. This comes from a website referencing Canadian border crossing.

Passport Information for Traveling to Canada & Returning to the United States

U.S. citizens visiting Canada will be required to present one of the travel documents listed here:

- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Passport Card
- Enhanced Driver’s License (Issued by New York, Michigan, Vermont and Washington only)
- Trusted Traveler Program Cards such as NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST enrollment cards
- Special Audiences (Special documents for U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, U.S. Military, Native Americans, and Boaters; birth certificates for children under the age of 16).

Should I get a passport book or card?

The passport book and passport card are both U.S. passports. If issued for the full validity, they are both proof of your U.S. citizenship and identity.

See the chart on the next page to decide which is best for you. (For Campvention the Passport Card is all that is needed. If you live in Michigan or New York an enhanced driver’s license also suffices.)

Continued on the next page.

RV Tip, Remember:
Camping is the ability to do diverse repairs in exotic locations.

	U.S. Passport Book	U.S. Passport Card
Used For	International travel by air, sea, or land The passport book is <u>Real ID</u> compliant and can be used for domestic air travel.	Entering the United States at land border crossings and sea ports-of-entry from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada • Mexico • The Caribbean • Bermuda The passport card cannot be used for international air travel. The passport card is <u>Real ID</u> compliant and can be used for domestic air travel.
Validity	16 and older: 10 years Under 16: 5 years	16 and older: 10 years Under 16: 5 years
Size	5" x 3.5" (when closed)	Wallet size
Cost	\$145 - first-time applicants 16 and older \$115 - applicants under 16 \$110 - <u>renewals by mail</u> Please see <u>Passport Fees</u> for more information.	\$65 - first-time applicants 16 and older \$50 - applicants under 16 \$30 - <u>renewals by mail</u> Please see <u>Passport Fees</u> for more information.
Shipping Options	If you're applying for a book, you can select 1-2 day delivery which costs an additional \$17.13.	If you're only applying for a card, we will send it to you via First Class Mail. You cannot select 1-2 day delivery.

Recommendation is you make application for either of these documents before May 15. This leaves 8 weeks for you to receive the document prior to leaving for Campvention. The Real ID star on your driver's license does not qualify as a passport card. My research indicates that minor children under the age of 16 and traveling with their parents can use their birth certificate to reenter the US. Canada does not ask for passports from children under the age of 16. If you are traveling with a grandchild or anyone you are not the guardian for check to see what documentation is needed.

Very soon you will receive information from Sue Carlsen, Recording & Corresponding Officer, on the national awards program. The period for nominating someone who has worked hard and deserves to be recognized begins soon and ends April 15th. These awards include individual or family awards recognizing exemplary or outstanding work, individual award recognizing someone who did an act of lifesaving impact, individual or family award for humanitarian activities, individual or family award for lifetime achievement and chapter award recognizing chapters for their participation in the programs FCRV provides. All the forms are available at fcrv.org. Start thinking about someone who should be recognized and be sure to submit the nomination in by April 15th.

Vickie Roop is working very hard to produce our "Camping Today" every month. She wants it to be informative and fun for you to read. She will be happy to include your regional and provincial/state campouts in the calendar of events which is also posted on the website. You simply need to supply her with the pertinent information. When the campout is over be sure to send pictures and articles about your event to Vickie & DeWayne. "Camping Today" is only what you make it.

Membership continues its decline. Much of this is a result of our membership just aging out of camping. There are lots of you working very hard to bring in new members. Keep up the great work! **If we are going to make a difference in our membership, every member needs to be an FCRV ambassador.**

**2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout
Shipshewana Campground -North
Shipshewana Indiana
August 5th – August 9th
A Stitch in Time From Handcrafted Minds**



Local activities include

There are opportunities to take a buggy ride, view over 30 hand-painted quilt murals on the LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail, go to a dinner theater and watch handcrafted oak and cherry furniture being made. There are over 100 different shops, where you can find everything from handmade crafts and quilts to heirloom quality furniture. Purchase and sample unique foods like jellies, fudge, hand-rolled pretzels, and even Amish-made peanut butter. You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time!

You will need to contact the campground and make your own reservation let them know you are with FCRV

***Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground
5970 North State Road 5
Shipshewana IN, 46565
Ph: (260) 768-7770***

Once you have your site number please email it to: comecampwithus@hotmail.com

Pre-registration

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Site Number: _____ Number of Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth _____

Number of nights staying

___ Tues (Early Bird) ___ Wed (Early Bird) ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat

Activity fee - \$20 Activity fee at gate will be - \$25

Please make checks payable to

Indiana FCRV State Director Acct for registration 2020

Send pre-registration to: Cindy James

3395 N. US Hwy 33

Decatur, IN 46733



MSA Retiree Rally

September 7-12, 2020

St. Louis Campground

8489 N. Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI 48880

989-681-2581



We hope you will join us for the annual MSA Michigan Retiree Rally! It is several days of fun, food, games and other planned activities. Bring a member or guest and enjoy your time while visiting St. Louis.

Breakfast will be provided Tuesday-Friday; also, two lunches and one dinner meal. The Gratiot County Food Bank will be supported by your generous donation of proceeds from a raffle. There will be many outdoor and evening games and lots of catching up with our camping family. We hope you will join us!

Camping Fee is \$15 per night. Register at the campground when you arrive and indicate you are attending the MSA Retiree Rally to receive the discount camping rate.

The Activity Fee is **\$10 per person** for the rally.
Make checks payable to: **Michigan State Association/FCRV**

Please send the registration form below with the total amount of activity fee ONLY to:

John/Linda English
MSA 2020 Retiree Rally
P.O. Box 215
Quincy, MI 49082

Form from the
Michigander

Questions: Call Mary Lou Heft, Michigan State Retiree Director, 1-616-706-2543.

Please register on or before August 1, 2020 so supplies can be purchased for meal planning.

First Timer: Yes___ No___

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length ft.: _____

Number attending rally: _____ Special Needs: _____

Amount enclosed for Activity Fee only (\$10 per person) = \$

Camping fees are paid when you arrive at the campground.



Hand in Hand

2020 MSA State Fall Campout

Calhoun County Fairgrounds

720 Fair Street, Marshall, MI 49068

September 18-20, 2020

Early Arrival September 16-17, 2020

Hosted by English's, Schaub's & Company



Historical Marshall Michigan is a lovely town to explore during our 2020 State Fall Campout. Marshall is the city of hospitality where friendly locals are happy to recommend the best places in town. There are eight museums, a large historic landmark district, unique shops and many interesting and famous restaurants.

Marshall is voted one of the "15 Best Small Towns to Visit in Michigan".

Come early and stay late...there is so much to see and do.

Working together, *Hand in Hand*, we will continue to make our association stronger and better.

We hope to see you in Marshall.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length of Unit: _____ Slide Out (s): _____

No. in Family: Adults: _____ Young Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: _____

Do you prefer **NOT** to be parked by someone with pets yes ___ doesn't matter ___

Parking is straight hobo. There is a restroom/bath house and dump station located within the camping area.

___ Handicap parking; we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate. You **MUST** pre-register for handicap parking.

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No. _____

Special needs (please be specific): _____

Go Green—your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below.

Email: _____ Snail Mail: Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: Camping fee is \$15 per night; Activity Fee is \$25.

PLEASE return this registration form with a check made payable to Michigan State Assn/FCRV no later than September 1, 2020 for the full amount (total camping fee plus activity fee) to:

Diane Jones
2020 State Fall Campout
387 E. Southern Rd.
Coldwater, MI 49036

Form from the
Michigander

Check number: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Questions: Contact John/Linda English, mifcrv@mifcrv.org or 248-797-5030 (Linda Cell)

State Director Campout (previously known as Field Director Campout)

August 21-23, 2020

Woods and Water RV Park
4495 S. Spruce Ave
White Cloud, MI 49349
(231) 689-6685

- We encourage you to attend the annual campout for a fun and enjoyable weekend.
- The Eager Beaver Camping Club has invited us to join their campout.
- Saturday we will be spending the day floating on the river. Bring your own tubes or let John and Linda know if you need one. Depending on how fast the river is running, the trip could be anywhere from 2-4 hours. Some may stop for a brief lunch.
- Saturday night dinner will be a potluck. Please bring a dish to share. We will gather in the evening for our get-together.
- Sunday breakfast will be provided by the Eager Beaver Camping Club
- The campground may have planned weekend activities. Downtown Newago normally has a farmer's market on weekends. Something to consider if you plan to camp with us but not go tubing.

The campground will begin taking reservations the end of February. Sites are being held under the Eager Beaver Camping Club.

Full hookup sites being held at \$40/night:
Sites 132-139

Water and electric sites being held at \$35/night:
110-114

As always, let us know if you have questions. We will provide updates as they are received.

John & Linda English
Michigan State Directors
mifcrv@mifcrv.org
2/12/2020

Form from the
Michigander

Form from the
Michigander

Blue Water District Mixer
Sept 25-27, 2020
Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69)
Imlay City MI 48444 (between Flint & Pt. Huron)

Mail payment with registration form to:

Rocky Lumley
603 3rd St
St Clair MI 48079
donrocky64@hotmail.com
or mibluewaterfcv@gmail.com

Basic power only

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$10.00
Camping fee \$35.00
Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$45.00
Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 23

Make checks payable to: **
Blue Water District Mixer

Registration Deadline September 12, 2020

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

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

Total amount enclosed _____

Check number _____

PERFECT VISION

Blue Water District Mixer

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

Go Green—your mail back will be sent to the email address provided below. Which do you prefer _____ Email _____ US Mail

Email address (please print)

Form from the
Michigander

Chapter Name _____

Chapter # _____

Type of unit _____ length of unit _____ #of slide outs _____

in family: Adults _____ Teens _____ Double Digits _____

Youth _____ Pets* _____

*Do you prefer to NOT be parked by someone with pets: please DO NOT park me by someone with pets _____ doesn't matter _____?

A FREE WEEKEND WILL BE DRAWN FOR THOSE REGISTERED BY AUG.17, 2020

_____ Handicap parking, we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctors certificate.

Total amount enclosed _____ Check number _____

Indiana FCRV

Cinco De Mayo campout will be May 1-2-3 at Amishville Campground in Geneva, Indiana. You will need to contact Amishville at 1-260-589-3536 to make your reservation (they do not have a website, only a Facebook page). Tell them you are with FCRV, they have our sites blocked around the circle. You will pay Deena the activity fee at the campout. You can comment on this post when you get your site reserved with the site number, so Deena knows you are coming. If you need any further information, you can contact Deena at cdfelver@metaljerk.net

CANCELED



Website listed did not work when I tried it.
Editor

Form from the Michigander

Registration on next page.

INDIANA FCRV 2020 SPRING CAMPOUT



May 1, 2, 3

MICHIGANVILLE USA CAMPGROUND
844 E. 100th General, IN 46640

CANCELED

Call to make your own reservations at the park

1-260-589-3536

Let them know that you are with FCRV and would like to be around the circle.
Activity fee of \$10.00 will be collected at the Campout.

Let us know if we can count on you!!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Adults _____ #Teens _____ #Youth _____

Send to Deena Felver
4336 State Route 81
Willshire, OH 45898
Or email to cdfelver@metalink.net

Form from the
Michigander



Notice: Michigan FCRV is sharing this as a courtesy to our Indiana neighbors. Dates may conflict with Michigan campouts.

Field of Plows

Just South of Chesaning, MI there is a field of antique plows. There are over 600 of them. This is really a stroll back in time. The variety of plows is amazing. There are plows with only one bottom to plows with many bottoms. With moldboard plows, disk plows, and even roll-over plows to look at. It will take an hour or more to enjoy your visit.

Stop at the farmhouse and ask permission. When we did, the owner, Elmer Schneider was very happy to share his hobby with us. He buys some plows when he finds them but many are donated to the project. After they are acquired, Elmer takes them to his shop up on M-57 and cleans them up, then paints them before they go on display.

Just go East out of Chesaning to Corunna Road and head South. The farm with all the plows will be on the right (West) side of the road.



While you are there look at everything this outdoor museum has to offer!



We were guest of our son Steve & his wife Julie.



Got Ida to pose for this!



Picture to the left is a Google map screen-shot of the field of plows and the farmhouse.

This article and photos was composed by Michigander editor Ron O'Dell.

Anyone else can create an article too! Anything to do with camping, hiking, touring, Rving, etc. is acceptable. Just send your article to editor@mifcrv.org

Pictures from Various Campouts



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