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2020 Campout and Meeting Announcements

Postponed to 2021 - Great Lakes Regional, Shipshewana, IN
Postponed to 2021 - MSA Retiree Rally, St. Louis, MI
Postponed to 2021 - MSA State Fall Campout, Marshall, MI

Postponed to 2021 - New date: September 24-26, 2021 - **Blue Water District Mixer**, Inlay City, MI

Please support the many activities scheduled for 2021.

<http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/default.htm>

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.

Michigander DEADLINE DATES

DEADLINES for submitting articles to the Michigander:

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

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News from the MSA President

In the past few months, 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 MSA has decided to postpone the State Fall campout. The campout will still be in Marshall in 2021. The State Retiree Rally has been postponed until 2021 also and will still be held at the Church of God Campground, St. Louis, MI

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
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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:

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

Thank you,
Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner



STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

State Director Update June 2020

We sure are experiencing unforeseen times for the 2020 camping season. We hope you are all well and safe.

This year's "Virtual Campvention" has been quite an event. So many people have done so much work to bring us together virtually. The event links will remain on the national website for approximately one month but please do not wait. We strongly recommend you view the many events...they are all so incredible and have been so much fun to watch: <https://fcrv.org/come-camp-with-us/campvention/campvention-2020/>

We are excited to report that Michigan brought home some national awards this year. Otto Macintosh from the Early Risers Chapter won the *Camping Is* contest and the Conservation contest for his age group. Kathy Hartwig, also from the Early Risers, won the Conservation contest for adults. Michigan won the medium state membership award this year...thanks for what you do to recruit new members! Scholarship winners will be announced in *Camping Today*. Congratulations to this year's award recipients.

New trustees were sworn in at the virtual general membership meeting. Welcome to Gerald Pfirsch, President; Loran Douglas, V.P. of Operations, and Beth Standiford, Recording/Corresponding Secretary.

The 61st Campvention will be held in Elkhorn, WI July 11-16, 2021. The fee is \$335 for six nights of camping including water and 30-amp electric. There are several dump stations on grounds. Please watch for further details in upcoming issues of *Camping Today*. If you pre-register by 12/31/2020, you will receive a \$30 discount. This is the first time Campvention has been held in WI...we hope to see you there!

The Eager Beaver Chapter, our hosts for the State Director/Field Director August Campout, are still planning to camp and the invitation is still open to join them August 21-23, 2020 at Woods and Water RV Park, 4495 S. Spruce Ave, White Cloud, MI 49349 (231) 689-6685. Please make your reservation as soon as possible if you plan to attend. We are unable to attend the campout. By the time you receive this issue, we are hopeful John will be recovering from another spinal surgery. His recovery time will take us into the fall if all goes as planned. Please keep John in your prayers...thank you.

The Great Lakes Region Campout is postponed until 2021 and will still be held in Shipshewana, IN. A revised registration form will be posted when available. The campground is small so make your reservation early. We have learned some have already made reservations!

We have missed all of you and hope you have remained safe and healthy. Please contact us if have questions or just to say HI! Please take care.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors
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NOTE: **MSA** History is now on the website and can be viewed by this link: <http://mifcrv.org/forms/MSA%20History.xlsx>

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to all the graduates out there. Soon you will start a new phase of your life and be heading off to college or straight into the working world. Whatever your direction, a positive attitude will take you a long way, especially in these trying times. Good Luck and have a great year!!!

By the time you receive this edition of *The Michigander*, the 2019-20 scholarship application deadline will have passed. To be eligible to apply 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. Due to COVID-19 and many campout cancellations the Scholarship Board is reviewing this requirement and I will have information about it soon. Watch for news on the MSA website in the near future and in the next installment of the *Michigander*. 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. Be sure 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 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.

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

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January 12, 2020

RETIREE NEWS!!!

Sorry to say that the State Retiree Rally at St. Louis, MI has been postponed until 2021. Dates will be decided later.

Look forward to camping in 2021!

My new phone number is (616) 706-2543

Thank you,
Mary Lou Heft, MI State Retiree Director

Chaplain's Corner

Fall Soon Approaches!

Fall is coming and soon the leaves will be falling. We need to be careful in this pandemic that we do not fall too. It is essential that we keep our health, our sanity, and our friends. It is difficult not being able to go to our campouts. It is aggravating to need to wear the mask when shopping. Just finding good places to eat when one needs to be out and about is sometimes a challenge.

We need to respect others and follow safe guidelines as much as possible. Trying to live some resemblance of a normal life without fear should be our goal. Fear of what might happen can be detrimental to our health as much as “what might happen”.

Just lay your fears in Jesus's hands and He will carry you through these rough times.

1 John 4:18(KJV)

¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

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

Ron O'Dell, Chaplain

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

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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



Fellow Michiganders,

This time is a difficult one for us all because our camping experiences have been limited. I am more than excited than ever to be able to camp with everyone and eat s'mores by the fires once again.

I have been super busy with my classes going virtual and all online. I have been taking automotive class, biology, social studies, and algebra. I never thought I would say it, but I miss going to school. In between my classes I have had lots of time to craft and get outside to enjoy the weather.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

Thank you,

Luke Kurburski
Michigan Teen King

Our Loss is Heaven's Gain



It is with great sadness, heartfelt sympathy, and words that fail me that we have lost a very dear friend who became part of our family almost 30 years ago. Dick was a very active member with his wife Linda and their family in FCRV.

Their granddaughter, Grace Carey, is currently Michigan's Teen Queen and they have been very supportive of her. They no longer camp but hotel it to be part of their granddaughter's activities in FCRV.

Linda and Dick are lifetime members and were charter members of Nature's Nuts, the chapter their sons have carried into the current generation. They were also field directors and state teen directors for many years.

Linda and Dick were responsible for introducing John and I to FCRV...the rest is history. Please join us in prayer for Linda and her family.

Cards may be sent to Linda:

4166 Stonebridge, Holly, MI 48442

https://www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Richard-Lionel-Carey?obId=17395601&fbclid=IwAR28q-XkXDqp9Dq_LAvoIBoZ1t4ghhdMB2qD982c0Rh83LniCR4sbIpZpH0#/obituaryInfo

With Deepest Sympathy,

John & Linda