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2022 Campout Announcements

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- April 22-24 – Southeast District, Davisburg, MI
- May 20-22 – MSA State Spring, place TBD (please see page 2)
- June 3-5 – Northern District, Gladwin, MI
- July 11-16 – Campvention, Pueblo, CO
- August 4-7 – Great Lakes Regional, Hillsdale, MI
- September 6-11 – MSA Retiree Rally, St. Louis, MI
- September 16-18 – MSA State Fall, place TBD (please see page 2)
- September 23-25 – Blue Water Mixer, Imlay City, MI

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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:

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News from the MSA President

It was wonderful getting together as a group for the first time in two years. A good time was had by all and much catching up on our camping family was accomplished. Tom Lewis did a very informative DASAT program on fire extinguishers. I am sure he would gladly answer any questions about extinguishers you might have. Congratulations to our new Royalty and special thanks to Grace and Luke for their reign during the difficult time of the pandemic. Congratulations to Luke the new International Teen King.

It is election time, and we need people to step up and run for office. Tom Lewis DASAT@mifcrv.org has agreed to be the election chairman so please contact him if you would like to run or nominate someone for office. The president and vice president have reached their term limits and cannot run again for the next term so they must be replaced. It is very important we fill these offices so our group can continue to prosper. As the current president I will promise to assist my replacement in any way that I can.

It won't be much longer before we put our rigs away for the winter and the snowbirds depart, so please have a safe and healthy winter; we will see you in the Spring.

Paul R. Jones, MSA President
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MSA State Spring and Fall

We are trying something new in 2022! Is there a campground centrally located in the lower peninsula where we can schedule our spring and fall campouts in 2022? We are looking for suggestions for places that would attract young families. This could be a private or county campground or anything you recommend. Please send your recommendations to: statedirectors@mifcrv.org or 248-797-5030 and Linda will follow up for a possible site in 2022. Please do not hesitate: call, text or email Linda today!

STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS



We have many things to be thankful for this year and one is the opportunity to resume camping with our camping family! Spring was a little iffy with the cancellation of the Southeast District and MSA State Spring Campouts but the remaining campouts went off with fewer attendees, but we were able to enjoy the things we missed last year.

The awards presented this year at the Fall Campout were:

- 50 Year Membership Award to Loretta Hinkley (for the previous year)
- Scholarship Winner Katie Kurburski
- State Retiree King/Queen Jim and Donna Setzler
- State Teen King/Queen Andrew Huhn and Joanne Huhn
- International Teen King Luke Kurburski
- Prince Otto MacIntosh



There was so much to celebrate!!!

Are you working on your 2022-chapter calendar and officers lists? When completed, please forward to us.

A fund raiser was held at the Fall Campout to support the Plastic Cap Project. A total of \$135 was raised and it was overwhelming to get such positive support! We have a long way to go but this is a start. This will probably be a three-year project. We are hopeful with your support to donate a park bench to the three district campouts sites.

The 2022 Campvention will be held in Pueblo, CO. The registration form will be posted on our website soon.

Michigan is the host for the 2022 Great Lakes Regional to be held August 4-7 at the Hillsdale Fairgrounds. We need your help in hosting this event. Start thinking of activities and let us know your thoughts.

Please forward us your email address if you are not receiving our email updates. This is the quickest way for us to get information to you in a timely manner.

Reach out to prospective campers that do not know our story and share how Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family. Our organization is the Best Kept Secret, and we all need to share our good news. We are happy to report our membership appears to be stable. Michigan has received an award this year for increased membership for a mid-size state/province...congratulations!!!

We have sent 14 letters to those who have joined our organization since July. The district directors have their contact information. If you wish to recruit new members, please let us know.

We wish you happy holidays and safe travels until we see you in 2022.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

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NOTE: MSA History can be viewed on our website: <http://mifcrv.org/forms/MSA%20History.xlsx>

WANTED/HELP NEEDED—STATE DIRECTOR

PLEASE...We need to pass the torch! This has been a wonderful experience and we hope we have served and represented you to the best of our ability but it is time for a change. We are willing to work with you until you make the final commitment so do not think if you have interest that you cannot step away. Instead, we want you to be comfortable moving forward. We have a lot of great talent in our organization. Please consider giving it a chance...you will not regret it. We have met so many great people who are now family that will last a lifetime. We plan to remain faithful lifetime members. We are committed as you are to this organization and want to see it grow and prosper. Please consider this great opportunity.

Michigan State Teen Association News

Hi, I am Joanne Huhn. I am the Michigan Teen Queen. I am in the 8th grade and enjoy school. My favorite subject in school is Yearbook because I get to make and express myself through creativity. I also participate in dance and this year I am doing ballet, tap, turns and leaps, and acrobatics. I love dance because it is a way for me to convey my feelings and artistry through my favorite activity. My future aspirations are to become a geriatric nurse, my dream school is Princeton. But as Princeton is hard to get into, other colleges I would like to go to are Michigan State University, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, or Adelphi University. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Michigan Teen Queen.

Hi I am Andrew Huhn. Thank you for the opportunity to be teen King. I am in 11th grade at St Johns High school. I am in the Welding CCRESA Program My goal is to become a welder in my future. I enjoy working on vehicles and older cars. I have a 1979 Buick Skylark I fixed up.



Pictured left to right:
Grace Carey, Teen Queen 2021
Joanne Huhn, Teen Queen 2022
Otto Macintosh, Prince 2022
Andrew Huhn, Teen King 2022
Luke Kurburski, International Teen King 2022

Marci MacIntosh, Geoff Stringer, Michigan Teen Directors
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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS.....



Congratulations to Katie Kurburski, our scholarship award recipient for this year. Katie is attending Ferris State University working towards her degree as a Physician’s Assistant. She loves helping people and feels her degree would allow her to work and give back to the community too. Her hobbies include Scottish Highland dancing, camping and golf. She has been very active the last 13 years in 4-H and the Grange. Katie is active young adult member of FCRV and was Co-chair for the 2021 National Campvention Teen Pageant. Best of luck in all your endeavors!

It’s never too early to start thinking about next year’s scholarship application. As a rule, following is one of the requirement to be eligible to apply for a Scholarship: 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. **BUT, since some FCRV campouts were cancelled in 2021 due to COVID-19, the Scholarship board will waive the camping requirement for this season.**

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 989-777-5958, scholarship@mifcrv.org

MSA Retiree King/Queen Jim & Donna Setzler

Congratulations to our Michigan Retiree King and Queen for 2021, Jim and Donna Setzler.

We started in NCHA in 1991 with the Early Risers Camping chapter from the Southgate area. We have three grown children who were very involved with the teens in our chapter, the state association and at the national level. Barbie, our oldest, was a teen queen candidate in 1993 and now is married and has three daughters. Next is Chris, who was a teen King for Michigan in 1997. His family, spouse and two kids, a boy and a girl have enjoyed camping with their fifth wheel since 2015. Last, but not least, is Donald who did not have any interest in royalty but was very involved in sports. He also found his wife while camping and has a daughter and son. Just this year they purchased their first travel trailer, and all are enjoying camping. All the kids enjoyed sports and competed at National Campventions, helping the teens win at softball, volleyball and track (running) events.

We married in 1974, two weeks after Jim got out of the regular army. He joined the National Guard in Monroe and retired as First Sergeant after 29 ½ years of service. He also worked for the United States Postal system as a city letter carrier and retired in 2016 after 32 years of service. Now he has time to devote to parttime farming and gardening on our 50 acres. Jim works one day a week at church doing custodial and security duty. He was elected to the Monroe County Farm Bureau Board in 2016. In 2016 we also accepted a position with Farm Bureau to manage their concession building for the Monroe County Fair.

We met while Donna was a freshman in college in nursing and Jim was in the Army at Ft Knox, Kentucky. Donna has been in nursing since 1971 and retired in 2016 as a Registered Nurse. A very long career during which she worked in many different departments including ICU, ER, and surgical department.

Coming from a large family of six boys, Jim learned to cook early and has received awards for baking but not as many as Donna. Donna has received awards in many areas including canning, baking, sewing and quilting. She has received cake of the fair recognition and was Homemaker of the Monroe County Fair in 1986. She enjoys camping almost as much as cooking, sewing, quilting and working in our garden.

We became Field Staff with FCRV in 2000 and have been the District Directors of the Southeast District since 2013. We received the award of Family of the Year in 2011 and in 2021 we received the State Directors award.

Submitted by Jim & Donna



MSA Retiree Rally

A fun week of games, food and fellowship was enjoyed by the retirees at this year's rally. We began each day with breakfast served by Jim and Donna Setzler.

Game winners during the week were as follows: MOLKKY, Linda English; CornHole, Pete/Samie-Jo Schaub; Bocce Ball, Pete/Samie-Jo Schaub; Bean Bag Baseball was won by the men's team but the women only lost by one point!

The new Retiree King/Queen is Jim and Donna Setzler who were crowned Thursday evening. Congratulations to all the winners!

Sharon Westerhouse wrote to thank us for the card and for thinking of her. She says she loved talking to us during the rally and she so much wishes she could be with us! She asks you all to keep in touch.

Camping season is now ending but next year is just around the corner. I hope you will be ready to camp next year.

Happy Holidays!

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

Disaster and Safety Awareness Training

Hello Everyone

My wife and I are sitting here talking about the Fall Campout in Harrison and what a great time we had along with everyone else. I'm trying to think of a subject to write about for this issue of the Michigander. I started to recall some of our questions and conversations we had during the DASAT presentation.

With the end of camping season slowly approaching along with the seasonal weather changes I was reminded that Fire Prevention Week is October 3- 9. Let's touch base on a couple of things.



First off check your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Test them, if they don't work change the batteries, normally changing batteries is done during daylight savings time. Also check the expiration date on the back of the detectors, some may not have an expiration date. These detectors normally have a life span of 5-7 years. Testing and checking your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors should be done on a regular basis, for instance monthly. Double check that you have the correct number of detectors in your home and RV along with them being mounted in the right location.

Secondly, continue your fire extinguisher checks and inspections.

Next if you have a fireplace, woodstove, or pellet stove check any wiring and motors operating fans/blowers, augers etc. Be sure there's no sign of abnormal wear and tear or damage that could cause problems. If possible, look at the fireboxes for any cracked or out of line firebrick, any missing mortar in the joints. Examine your chimney and chimney pipes for cracks, bad joints, creosote buildup, any sign of leaks or other possible damage. These inspections can be performed by professionals due to possibly climbing ladders for roof access.

Don't forget your kitchens. The holidays are not too far off. Remember when using your stove top keep the handles of your pots and pans turned inward away from the front edge of your stove. This will decrease the chances of you catching the handles with your hand/arm or your clothes. Also harder for curious kids to grab handles and get burned. Keep some baking soda or salt handy for stove top grease fires. Also have a lid or cookie sheet nearby to use to smother the grease fire and safely turn off the stove top burners. Use a dry chemical fire extinguisher as a last resort due to the contamination from the extinguisher a lot of kitchen supplies will have to be discarded.

Review your escape routes and meeting places in the event of a fire or other disaster. Make sure your escape routes are free and clear of anything that is blocking or hindering doorways, hallways and stairways. Be sure to review and practice your escape routes and meeting places with your family members. You'll need more than one escape route if you have a basement or multi story home.

Don't forget to have your natural gas, LP gas, fuel oil, electric furnaces and hot water heaters inspected.

Lastly, look at your driveway and parking areas at home. Is your driveway wide enough and clear of overhanging tree branches and limbs, or brush and bushes too close to the driveway for emergency vehicles if needed? Check if any items stored in or near your parking areas should be moved.

These are just a few highlights of things to think about for you and your family.

Fire Prevention week is coming up in a couple weeks (from today of article submission.) Many Fire/Rescue agencies will be holding open houses and other activities scheduled. Please support all your 1st Responders and visit their open houses and any programs they may sponsor.

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to have a particular topic covered in the Michigander Newsletter or for your camping club, please contact me and we'll set up something.

Be safe all and thank you for your time.

Tom Lewis

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Plastic Cap Recycling Project

Ready to get involved in a recycling project that is good for the environment? Green Tree Plastics located in Evansville, IN will recycle plastic caps into park benches. All we do is collect clean plastic caps free of paper, sort, and weigh the plastic caps! Some of us are aware of this project as FCRV in Indiana and Illinois are two states that have had success in recycling and purchasing park benches. There is an additional cost depending on what type of bench we choose which can be accomplished with fundraising.

Our goal is to provide a park bench to the three fairgrounds that have hosted our district campouts for many years: Northern District at Gladwin Fairgrounds; Southeast District at Springfield Oaks 4H Fairgrounds; and Blue Water District at Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds.

Get your family, friends and neighbors involved! This is a great recycling project.

Please bring what you collect to our District and State Campouts!

Thank you! John & Linda English

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

Medicine bottle
Milk, creamer
Detergent
Hair spray
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Apple sauce pouch
Drink bottle, soda, water, juice, sports drink
Flip top (ketchup)
Spout (mustard)
Spray paint
Baby food
Shampoo, conditioner
Cottage cheese
Yogurt
Mayonnaise
Peanut butter
Ice cream bucket (under 8" diameter)
Cool whip
Pringle
Coffee can
Butter
Cream cheese
Spice

NOT ACCEPTABLE CAPS

Metal
Drink bottles
Prescription bottles
Plastic Ziplock type bags
Trigger sprayers
ALL fast-food drink lids
Plastic that is not a cap or lid, plastic pieces/parts
Human or Animal Medical Supplies
Paper
Trash
All food containers
Cardboard liners
All pumps (soap/lotion)
Grocery bags
Caps or lids with 1, 3, 6, 0r 7 recycle number
K-cups and straws





Chaplain's Corner

Summer is FALLing!

It was great getting to attend State Fall Campout at Harrison, MI and the Blue Water Mixer, Inlay City, MI. So fun to be back with friends that we have been away from for so long. We are really looking forward to a much better camping season in 2022. Get ready to light your fire!

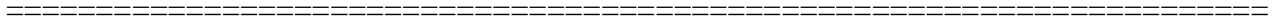
Please be ready to add a helping hand at the campouts and other places you go. Join in the activities! Have fun! Help by letting others know what FCRV is, and that it is good clean family camping at its BEST!

Matthew 9:37-38(KJV)

³⁷Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the laborer's *are* few;

³⁸Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborer's into his harvest.

Ron O'Dell, Chaplain



2021 BLUE WATER MIXER

The Blue Water Mixer was a lot of fun! We had hospitality, games, played cards, got rained on, and ate pizza & cupcakes! Some campers went to town and did a little shopping too!



The Aqua-Jetts celebrated their 50-year chapter anniversary as a NCHA/FCRV club.



Loretta Hinkley received a 2020 plaque for 50 years as a member originally presented to her at the 2021 MSA State Fall Campout. Congratulations Loretta!

If you were not there, you missed a great campout!