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The Michigander
"Family Fun Through Camping In Michigan"



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Note: click on the blue link for registration forms; web version.

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

Registration forms are published in the electronic edition posted on our website: www.mifcrv.org, *Calendar of Events* OR Click on the blue title above
Please support the many activities scheduled for 2023.

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) 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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President's Message

Happy New Year to all my fellow FCRVers.

Here we are again at the threshold of a new camping season. It is time to plan what campouts we will attend this year.

To keep our association fluent and prosperous, I ask that you attend at least one of our state and district campouts. This would also be an excellent year to plan on attending the National Campvention in our Region.

Samie-Jo and I are eager to participate in as many campouts we can possibly fit into our busy schedule.

Anything you all can do as members to spark up the attendance at our FCRV sponsored campouts, would be greatly appreciated. Think about bringing a non-member camping friend to one of the many campouts throughout the state.

Hope to spend time with all of you in the coming months. I miss the friendship and camaraderie shared with the time spent together during the winter months.

May you stay happy and healthy, and we will see you down the road.

Peter Schaub, President MSA/FCRV Association

Please note...**The Michigander Editor
2023...Final Year as Editor**

It is time to pass the gavel...this will be my final year as Editor of *The Michigander*. I need to give up some of my FCRV/MSA responsibilities and this will be one of them.

This is an important communication tool along with our Email Blast for our membership. This commitment is just four times a year.

Linda English, Temporary Editor, The Michigander



STATE DIRECTOR NEWS

As we enjoy Michigan's winter wonderland, for those of us who remain in Michigan, we are also anticipating our next camping season.

The Great Lakes Region is hosting the 2023 Campvention which will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana. We are so fortunate to have so many Michiganders willing to volunteer for the many events that will be held this year. Thank you so much for all you do to make our next Campvention a huge success!

The following links may be helpful if you are in need of camper rentals for Campvention 2023 in Richmond, IN:

<https://rvshare.com/rv-rental/richmond/in>

<https://www.outdoorsy.com/rv-rental/indiana/richmond>

We believe it is easier and less expensive to find a hotel of your choice if needed. There are many in the Richmond area.

As a reminder, the next Great Lakes Region Campout will be hosted by Ohio in 2024. Stay tuned for more details!

Our Michigan camping event calendar is almost full. We need a chairperson for our MSA State Fall Campout. It is typically held the third weekend in September. Once you step forward, you will have many offers of help, including us. Can we count on you?

Please support the many events Michigan has planned. Add these events to your chapter camping schedule and prepare for a fun weekend! Michigan is a beautiful state with many exciting places and opportunities.

Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

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

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairperson(s) Needed for

**MSA State Fall Campout
September 15-17, 2023**

**Please contact any MSA Board
Member to Volunteer. A site
needs to be secured soon.**

Many hands make a successful event.



Chaplain's Corner

Happy New Year!

The Holiday Season is over now. Praying you all had a Magnificent Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With the new year starting, remember to keep God first, family next, then everything else. Faith and Family should always be the most important things in your life.

Drive Carefully and Stay Safe.

Jeremiah 29:11-12(KJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Ron O'Dell, Chaplain



In Memory...

Ida Marie O'Dell, age 72, of Melvin, MI died December 22, 2022 in Weston, FL. She was born in Brown City, MI to Myron "Judson" and Bernice (Apsey) Groat. She graduated from Peck High School Class of 1968 and attended college at Western Michigan University, St. Clair County Community College, and Pikeville Bible College. She married Ron O'Dell on May 15, 1971.

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Ida was a pillar of the community as a longtime business owner of Graphix Screen Printing. She loved to play music, quilt, craft, pretty rocks, go camping, and enjoy life. She was a kind and loving person that has left the world a better place. Ida had been a member of Family Campers and RVers, Praise Gang Puppeteers, Original Dulcimer Players Club, Michigan Woodcarvers, and Faith Baptist Church.

She is survived and will be greatly missed by her husband Ron O'Dell and her children Beth and David Parker, Steve and Julie O'Dell, and Laura and John Cummins. Also, by her grandchildren Melissa, Joshua, Julia, Reilly, Devin, Mark, and Nick, and by all of her many great grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral services will be held at the Faith Baptist Church in Brown City, MI on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 11:00 am.

Visitation will be at Carman Funeral Home on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements by Carman Funeral Home. <https://www.carmanfh.com/obituary/ida-odell>



Michigan State Teen Association



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

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Scholarship Information

Happy New Year! Now that the holidays are over everyone is thinking about Springtime, camping season and of course graduation. It's a good time to start thinking about your scholarship application and gathering the required documents and attachments. 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 or rejected by the date and time on the email when received not sent by the applicant.
- 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. Stay safe and hope to see you somewhere down the road!!

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

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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.
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Disaster and Safety Awareness Training

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! I hope everybody had a safe and joyous holiday.

As I'm preparing to write this article it's 47 degrees outside. Pretty good temperature for December, unlike the lake effect snowstorm I drove through in November from Gaylord to Lansing. The trip started out ok but turned to near visibility whiteout conditions at times. Driving slowly keeping track of vehicles in front of me was a challenge for most of the drive. Not to mention the marvelous people who drove like they were in a NASCAR race. It was a good time to be had by all.

So, on that note let's have a brief review on winter driving with some tips from AAA.

Cold Weather Driving:

Keep a cold weather kit in your vehicle, i.e., warm clothes, ice scraper, blankets, flashlight, shovel, kitty litter or some sand (for possible icy conditions.)

Always keep your fuel tank at least half full.

Make sure your tires are in good shape, and properly inflated including your spare tire.

Driving In Snowy Conditions:

If in doubt about driving in snowy weather, don't, stay home.

Drive slowly, adjust your speed to road conditions.

Increase the distance between you and the vehicle in front of you for longer stopping distances on snow/ice covered roads.

Know how your braking systems work, Anti-lock, Anti-skid, etc.

Always drive with your headlights on.

Long Distance Winter Trips:

Be Prepared, keep your vehicle in top operating condition.

Check the weather, especially here in Michigan, keep up to date on weather forecasts.

Stay connected, keep in touch with family and friends while traveling and when you arrive at your destination.

These are just a few tips from AAA. You can check with your own insurance company or online for more detailed driving tips and suggestions. Always pay attention to the weather and the weather forecasts. Good ole Michigan weather can change in a heartbeat. Drive Safely.

Tom Lewis

FCRV State of Michigan DASAT Director

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Up Up
and

Away

April 28 -30, 2023

**Southeast District Mixer
Springfield Oaks Oakland County
4H Fairgrounds, Davisburg MI**



MSA web form

Make checks payable to:

Southeast District of FCRV

And mail with registration form to:

Paul and Diane Jones

387 E Southern Rd

Coldwater MI 49036

313.770.5555

Email dbadjones75@gmail.com

Pre-registration (nonrefundable)\$30.00

Due at registration \$35.00

Registration at the gate \$65.00

Registration Deadline: April 17, 2023

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

type of Unit _____ Length _____ Slide outs # _____

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

Highlights of this year's event are:
Friday night meal for donation
Cash Bingo
2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner
Outdoor Family Games/Campfire
10 cent auction

BLUE WATER MINI MIXER
MAY 5-7, 2023
PT. HURON TWP RV RESORT
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 RV RESORT, WATER ST. (next to Cracker Barrel) PT. HURON, MI

(Call **810-982-6765** after **April 15, 2023**) to make your reservation* **and email Rocky Lumley at donrocky64@hotmail.com** (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 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: _____

UNIT TYPE: _____ LENGTH: _____ SLIDES: _____

IN FAMILY: _____ YOUTH: _____ TEENS: _____

Pack Your Bags, We're Going to Germany !



MSA State Spring Campout May 19-21, 2023
St. Lorenz Lutheran Campground
324 Churchgrove Road Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734

Activities:

Friday-Bavarian Belle Riverboat Tour @ 2pm-1 hour narrated tour ([Bavarian Belle Riverboat](#))-\$15/person

Saturday-Tour downtown Frankenmuth at your leisure (Bronners, Zhenders, Riverplace Shops, Grandpa's Tiny Farm and more!)

Afternoon Craft-Create your own Root Beer Stein

Evening Program followed by Root Beer Floats

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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

Email: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Campground does not take reservations and sites are on a first come first serve basis.

Payment is due at the time of check-in (Cash or Check only). Nightly fee is \$35 a night.

Campground includes: RV and tent sites, Electrical service, About 50 sites have water hookup, 30 amp service, Dump station, Restrooms and showers available, Drinking Water, Fire pits, Free WiFi, and Playground

Activity Fee is \$25.

PLEASE return this registration form with a check for \$25 made payable to Michigan State Assn/FCRV no later than May 6, 2023 to: Emily Kurburski

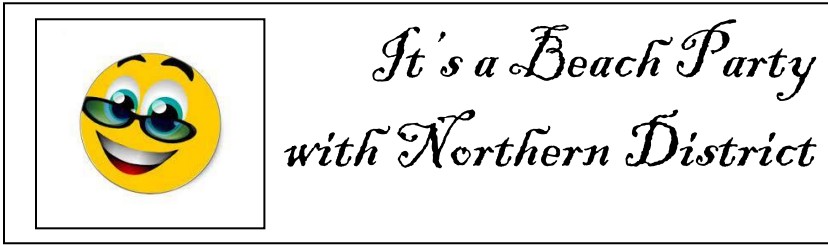
2023 State Spring Campout

9278 Middle Village Drive Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Check number: _____

Amount enclosed: \$25

Questions: Contact Emily Kurburski, Emilykurburski@gmail.com, (231) 526-7102



Date: June 2 - 4, 2023
Early Arrivals June 1

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

Dig out your flip flops, frisbee and your wildest shirt and meet us on the beach for a good time!

ACTIVITIES: Thursday – Early Arrivals **Friday** – Games **Saturday** – Breakfast, Camp Wide Supper, Craft, Family Games, Door Prizes, Evening Program **Sunday** – Safe Trip Home

Northern District Mixer 2023

Name: _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Address: _____ Chapter No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Children: Girls ___ Ages _____ Boys ___ Ages ___ Teens: Girls ___ Boys _____



MSA Retiree Rally

September 5-9, 2023

St. Louis Campground

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

989-681-2581



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.

Food provided includes:

- Breakfast Tuesday-Friday
- Two lunches
- One dinner

A donation will be made to the Gratiot County Food Bank.

Bring items for the dime auction.

Come catch up with our camping family.

Camping Fee is \$20 per night payable to the campground when you arrive for the rally. Indicate the MSA Retiree Rally to receive the discount camping rate.

Apartments and cabins are available to rent. You must call the campground in advance to reserve.

Food/Activity Fee: \$35 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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

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.

Amount enclosed: _____

For planning purposes, you MUST register on or before August 18, 2023:

John & Linda English

PO Box 215

Quincy, MI 48082

mifcrv@mifcrv.org

248-797-5030

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

RIVER TIME FUN WITH BLUE WATER DISTRICT FCRV

Blue Water District Mixer Sept 22-24, 2023

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
3992 Brookstone Pl Apt #6
Port Huron MI 48060
donrocky64@hotmail.com or mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Basic power only

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$10.00
Camping fee \$40.00
Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$50.00

Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 20

Make checks payable to: **** Blue Water District Mixer**

Registration Deadline September 12, 2023

**** 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 _____

Check number _____

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) _____

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, 2023

_____ 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 _____