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## The Michigander

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"Family Fun Through Camping in Michigan"



#### **2025 Campout Announcements**

March 24-30, Retiree Rally, Dothan, AL May 2-4, State Spring, St. Louis, MI July 20-26, Campvention, Lebanon, TN July 26-27, Great Lakes Regional, Lebanon, TN August 22-24, Summer Mixer, Charlevoix, MI September 2-4, Retiree Rally, St. Louis, MI September 4-7, State Fall, St. Louis, MI

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

https://mifcrv.org/calendar/default.htm

Registration forms are published in the electronic edition posted on our website: <a href="www.mifcrv.org">www.mifcrv.org</a>, Calendar of Events Please support the many activities scheduled for 2024.

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations
(Word preferred) by email:
kkurburski@gmail.com
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
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### President's Message

Hello Fellow Campers,

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This will be my last article as President of the Michigan State Association of FCRV. It has been both interesting and inspiring the last several years, serving on the MSA board of directors. It has been a privilege serving with the various board members of the past years, and the past state officers, promoting camping on the state and national level.

Samie-Jo and I will continue to enjoy camping and attend campouts on the state and national level as long as possible. We have met many friends through the years, and endeavor the continue spending time with them as time permits.

As I step down, as President, I wish the new board success, as they endeavor to serve MSA in the future. As we all know, serving as officers, directors, and committee chairman are all volunteers, and we must commend them and thank them.

We are embarking on a new camping season in 2025, please try to attend as many campouts as you can, and if possible, bring a friend. Your participation will ensure that FCRV and MSA will continue to flourish.

Looking forward to seeing all of you enjoying the fun and camaraderie this camping season.

Yours in Camping,

Pete Schaub **MSA President** 



## STATE DIRECTOR NEWS

Website: www.mifcrv.org

Let's be honest... I haven't thought about camping for the last month. All that holly-jolly had me hopping from one thing to another. The only time the camper saw me was when I gave my cousin and her new boyfriend a tour.

... But now it's January and it's time to get planning.

I don't want to admit it, but I'm behind on all my FCRV planning, but winter is a great time to catch up with registrations and internet research. I'm including a schedule for all of the Great Lakes region for this year, in case you're considering "Cross State Camping". We've enjoyed making friends across our region by joining in on their campouts. Hopefully, this list will help you with your planning for the year.

As I make more plans, I'll let you in on the tips and information I discover. Until then, keep those wheels protected until they're ready to roll in the spring!

Marci







## Chaplain's Corner

Praying you are all having a magnificent winter. Sometimes winter is rough for people. It gets dreary, weary, or rough for you, I hope this verse will help cheer you up. Remembering that we can always lean on God for the joy and peace that we need. Praying we all can make it to the Spring Campout. Hope to see Y'All there!

## Romans 15:13(KJV)

<sup>13</sup>Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

## **Scholarship News**

Website: www.mifcrv.org

Happy New Year! The holidays are over and we're all looking at our 2025 calendars planning our upcoming camping season. You seniors are looking forward to graduation and planning the next stage of your life. It's also a good time to start thinking about your scholarship application and gathering the required documents and attachments. Deadline and requirements are 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

#### 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 <u>lack of application to the State/Provincial Director EACH year for a membership extension</u>. At the end of the extension period the member must pay for a renewal at the going rate.



Source: Unknown

## MSA Board Candidates

Website: www.mifcrv.org

## **President**



I have been continuously active in NCHA/FCRV for 59 years since the age of 4, when my family (Dad, Mom and 2 older sisters) in 1965 joined Roam'n Oaks chapter #10. During that time, I have attended 36 Campventions and too many chapter, district, state and regional campouts to count. Amazingly, all of that camping has been done in only 2 different trailers. I have also been President of Roam'n Oaks, a committee chair for 3 Campventions, and am currently Vice-President of MSA. I retired 7 years ago from a job as a computer programmer in the pharmaceutical industry. This gave me even more time to not only go camping, but also for my other interests, which include country line and contra dancing, handbell ringing, singing in a choir, traveling without the trailer, playing games, and jigsaw puzzles. Brian Fuller

## **Vice President**



Hello, my name is Tim Callahan and I am running for the position of Vice-President. I've been a member of FCRV on and off since 1976. My wife Rachel and I have six children and 13 grandchildren. We enjoy camping and just being outside. FCRV has been a large part of mine and my families life including hosting campouts and holding positions at the chapter and state level. I hope to help this board in any way possible to continue building MSA.

Sincerely, Tim Callahan



Hello, I am Jim Setzler, a member of chapter 88, Early Risers, from the Southgate area, Southeast District. My wife, Donna, and I joined FCRV in 1991. We became Field Staff with Southeast District in 2000 and have been the District Directors since 2013. I have held all chapter offices while in the Early Risers.

## **Secretary**

Website: www.mifcrv.org



Hi, my name is Diane Jones and I am running for MSA Secretary. I am a Life Member of MSA/FCRV. I am an active member of both the Early Risers and The Eager Beavers. If elected, I am looking forward to serving Michigan to the best of my ability. Thank you for your support.

## **Treasurer**



I am running for MSA treasurer. I have been a part of FCRV since 1971, growing up in the organization when my family formed a chapter and joined NCHA. I met my wife at a spring campout in 1981, and we have been married for 40 years. We have been members since 1989, having raised our two daughters in the organization. Our youngest daughter also met her husband through FCRV. I have served as MSA Vice-President, President, Senior Advisor and Treasurer since 2009.





## 2025 MSA ELECTION BALLOTS

Website: www.mifcrv.org



- To vote, members must be in good standing and current with FCRV National Dues
  - There can be up to two Adult votes per family
    - Must be postmarked by February 28, 2025
      - Send in a sealed and unmarked envelope

## **MSA Official Ballots**

Official MSA Choose one option from ea	A Election Ballot ch category below:	Official MSA Choose one option from each	Election Ballot h category below:
President	Vice President	President	Vice President
Brian Fuller	☐ Tim Callahan ☐ Jim Setzler ☐	Brian Fuller	☐ Tim Callahan ☐ Jim Setzler ☐
Secretary	Treasurer	Secretary	Treasurer
Diane Jones	☐ Dave Mull	☐ Diane Jones	○ Dave Mull
Please mail in an un Lin Attn P.	nust be postmarked by February 28th, 2025. marked, sealed envelope to: ida English : MSA Ballot D. Box 215 cy, MI 49082	Please mail in an unm Lind Attn: 1 P.O.	ist be postmarked by February 28th, 2025. narked, sealed envelope to: a English MSA Ballot Box 215 y, MI 49082

## Send completed ballots to:

Linda English Attn: MSA Ballot P.O. Box 215 Quincy, MI 49082

## Recipe Corner

## Ginger Cookies

## **Better Homes and Gardens**

## **Ingredients**

All-Purpose Flour | 4 ½ cups
Ground Ginger | 4 tsp
Baking Soda | 2 tsp
Ground Cinnamon | 1 ½ tsp
Ground Cloves | 1 tsp
Salt | ¼ tsp
Shortening | 1 ½ cup
Granulated Sugar | 2 cups
Eggs | 2
Molasses | ½ cup
Course or Granulated Sugar | ¾ cup

## **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and salt. Set aside

In a large mixing bowl beat the shortening on low speed for 30 seconds to soften. Add 2 cups sugar. Beat until combined, scrapping sides of bowl. Beat in eggs and molasses. Beat in as much of the flour mixture, and then using a wooden spoon stir in remaining flour mixture.

Shape dough into 2-inch balls. Roll the balls in the 3/4 cups sugar.

Bake for 12 to 14 minutes.

## **Campout Dates for 2025**

Start Date	End Date	Location	Chapter Sponsoring	Additional Details
March 24	March 30	National Peanut Festival Fairground Dothan, Alabama	National Retiree Rally	
May 2	May 4	Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	State Spring Campout	
July 20	July 26	Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN	National Campvention	
July 26	July 27	Wilson County Fairground Lebanon, TN	Great Lakes Regional	
August 22	August 24	Charlevoix Family Campground Charlevoix, MI	Summer Mixer	
August 29	September 1	River Country Campground	Traverse Bay Travelers	
September 2	September 4	Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	Michigan Retiree Rally	
September 5	September 7	Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	State Fall Campout	

## 2025 GREAT LAKES REGION CAMPING SCHEDULE

April:				
April 10-13	TENNESSEE	Lebanon	Wilson County Fairgrounds	Campvention Teams
April 25-27	INDIANA	New Castle	Cornerstone Campground	State Spring Invitational
April 25-27	OHIO STARS	Wapakoneta	Auglaize County Fairgrounds	Ohio Stars North Central
May:				
May 2-4	MICHIGAN	St. Louis	Church of God Campground	State Spring Campout
May 16-18	OHIO STARS	Archbold	Sauder Village	Ohio Stars May Rally
June:				
June 6-8	OHIO	Homerville	Camp HiYo	State Spring Campout
June 20-22	OHIO STARS	Port Clinton	Tall Timbers Campground	Ohio Stars June Rally
July:				
July 11-15	MISSOURI	Herman	Herman State Park	
July 20-26	TENNESSEE	Lebanon	Wilson County Fairgrounds	Campvention
July 26-27	TENNESSEE	Lebanon	Wildon County Fairgrounds	Great Lakes Regional
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August:				
August 22-24	INDIANA	Nashville	Friends O Mine Campground	State Summer Campout
August 22-24	OHIO STARS	Zanesville	Wolfie's Campground	Ohio Stars August Rally
August 26-Sept 1	MICHIGAN	Evart	River Country Campground	Traverse Bay Travellers Chapter
September:				
September 2-4	MICHIGAN	St. Louis	Church of God Campground	Retiree Rally
September 5-7	MICHIGAN	St. Louis	Church of God Campground	State Fall Campout
September 12-14	OHIO STARS	Lebanon	KOA	Ohio Stars September Rally
* Reservations must b	e made by 11/2	1/2024 *		
September 19-21	QUACKERS	Indiana	Salamonie State Park	Midwest Quackers Annual
			r Region/State/Field Directors. If yo	
	Region/State/Fi	eld Director, pleas	e contact Connie Black for informat	ion on chapter/position.)
October:				

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October 1-3	INDIANA	Retiree	Shipshewana Campground Nor	th
October 10-12	OHIO STARS	Nevada	Foxfire Campground	Ohio Stars Halloween Rally
October 17-19	OHIO STARS	Nevada	Foxfire Campground	Ohio Stars Turkey Roast

For more information, contact:

Angie Shaneyfelt for Indiana/Kentucky Amy DeCamp for Ohio Stars Rhonda O'Neal for Illinois/Missouri Linda Hennie for Ohio

Marci McIntosh for Michigan Connie Black for Wisconsin Website: www.mifcrv.org



53<sup>rd</sup> FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY National Peanut Festival Fairground 5622 Hwy 231 S, Dothan, Alabama 36301 Rally Dates: March 24 – March 30, 2025

Early Days: March Wednesday 19th - Sunday 23rd

### Please Complete All Of The Following: (Please Print)

Last Name	First	Spc	ouse/Oth	ner
Address	City _	St/Pr		Code
Mailing Address of Other: _		# of P	eople In	Unit
Cell Phone #1	(	Cell Phone #2		
Email Address				
Mailed: Mailing /	Address If Different F	rom Above:		
Registering For Camping	: On Grounds	Off Grounds	Camp P	Pass
ls this your first retiree rally	? Yesno	Are you a veteran?	Yes_	no
<b>Special Needs:</b> Must hor handicap placard. This				
REGISTRATION FORMS I	MUST BE RECEIVED	D BEFORE MARCH 1, 2	2025 DE	ADLINE.
Registrations received afte	r March 1 <sup>st</sup> or register	ring at the gate will incur	an addi	tional \$25 fee.
Early Days: Early days fer	e of \$40 per night per	unit will be collected by	the trea	asurer at the
<b>Included In The Fee:</b> Full a lot of fun.	Hook-Ups, (30/50 Ar	mp), Ice Cream Social, 2	? Dinners	s, Entertainment, and
	Early Registration	At gate		
2 People In Unit 1 Person In Unit	\$350 \$320	\$375 \$345		
Camp Pass Staying In Unit 2 People 1 Person	On Grounds As 2 <sup>nd</sup> F \$110 \$80	•	ould Lik	e To Volunteer For:
Camp Pass Staying Off Gro 2 People 1 Person	ounds: \$110 \$80			

**<u>Refunds</u>**: All but \$35 will be refunded if cancellation notice is received two weeks prior to the rally. After the rally deadline of March 1, 2025, only the camping fee will be refunded. A refund requested after the rally starts will be made after the rally has ended.

#### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY

Mail to: Mildred Pauwels, P.O. Box 193, Dana, N.C. 28724 NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

# M & M Campout

(Meet Us In The Middle)

May 2 - 4, 2025

## 2025 MSA State Spring Campout

St. Louis Church of God Campground 8489 North Bagley Rd St. Louis, MI 48880

Pre-registration (nonrefundable)\$25.00 Make checks payable to: Michigan State Assn/FCRV

And mail with registration form to:
Dawn Webb
6033 Sheridan
Saginaw MI 48601
989-780-3792
Email Dawnmw@chartermi.net

Highlights of this year's event are:
Bingo with SammyJo
Saturday Night Potluck (Meat Provided)
Family games
10cent auction
Praise Gang Church Service
Fun Surprises see campout booklet

Camping Fees will be paid at the Campground Office Early Arrivals May 1, 2025

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2025

Name:			Amount En	nclosed:
Address:		P	Phone:	
City:		State/Province:	Zip:	
Type of Unit:		Size of Unit:_	Slid	e Out(s):
No. in Family: Adults Handicapped Park Special Needs (please be	_ Teens: king (with pe	Dbl Digits: ermit) Chapter:	Youth:	Pets
Email:			Snail Mail: yes	no



#### FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION

## "Spirit of Friendship"

Website: www.mifcrv.org

July 20-26, 2025

### James E Ward Agricultural Center 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087



#### **REGISTRATION:**

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Welcome to Campvention 2025. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

At Gate

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2024, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

Registration

One Family in the Unit	\$350.00 \$385.00		
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00 \$200.00		
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June 23-29)	\$175.00 \$190.00		
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00 \$35.00		
Early Bird Days: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night ( Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.	• • •	ck). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.,	
Are you an FCRV member: Yes No	_ Please provide your Men	nber # if known:	_
Last Name:Fi	rst Name:	Spouse/Guest:	_
Address:			_
City:	State/Province:	Zip Code:	
Phone #: Email:		2ndEmail:	_
	Teens:	reran and what branch? Youth: 5 – 8 f this form.	
We would like to help with event(s) at Can	npvention. Staff will follow ບ	up with a contact if yes: Yes No	
CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be n	o special needs sites availab	ole at the gate.)	
Check if you are requesting a special need	s site: (Valid Handi	cap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)	
Please note the LENGTH of camping rig be			
		Pop-Up Number of slide outs	
		Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)	
**Bring extension cords. Water available.	Bring hoses and Y connector	rs.	
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campve	ntion 2025 Funds		
Mail checks and completed forms to:			
FCRV Campvention 2025			
137 Crandon Blvd.			

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242. Confirmations will be sent via Email. Please allow a month for Processing.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2025 Campvention.





We hope to see you in St. Louis!

## MSA's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Website: www.mifcrv.org

2025 MSA State Fall Campout September 5-7, 2025



Early arrival any day! \*

St. Louis Campground 8489 Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI

This is an exciting year for our State Association as we are planning the celebration of our 60th Anniversary and we are looking forward to celebrating with you! Come enjoy the lovely grounds and St. Louis area. We have many new things planned for this extension of the fun we experience during the Retiree Rally open to everyone! \*St. Louis Campground is a public campground; you may arrive at any time!

There are two apartments and several cabins available to rent at this campground. You <u>must</u> call the campground in advance to reserve...we recommend the sooner the better. They are popular!

There will be meal opportunities and games with prizes! We are providing a full dinner on Saturday; please register by the deadline for meal planning purposes.

Name:		Phone:_	
Address:	City:_		Zip:
FCRV Membership Number_	]	Expiration Date_	
Type of Unit:	Length of Unit:	Slide (	Out (s):
No. in Family: Adults:	Young Adults:	Teens:	Youth:
Handicap parking			
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you are with FCRV to receive PLEASE return this registratio	the discount camping fee.  n form with the non-refundation	able Activity Fee	

Pete Schaub, MSA President, president@mifcrv.org, 231-649-0545.