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Membership News



Indiana State Association FCRV
Membership Directors
Christopher and Denise Weiss

The Indianapolis Sport, Boat & Travel Show went great. Thank you to Cindy for having faith in us to do it.

Over 50 people signed up for the Get Acquainted meeting (time date, and location to be announced). Several new friendships were made.

We were able to obtain enough passes for the people who worked the show. That was a huge savings as we don't have to reimburse the cost of the tickets.

Some of our members even bought new RVs. Congratulations Angie & Ed, and Fletcher & Anna. Can't wait to see them at our first campout. Thank you to everyone who participated especially Stacy Davis, Misty & Macey Stuckwisch and Dennis and Cindy James they sat with us all day and to GG and the bears. They were a big hit. A good time was had by all.

Looking forward to the next show.

Christopher and Denise



More photo memories on pages 4 and 8!

WHAT NOW?

From the efforts of those at the show booth, new folks have been introduced to FCRV. Further information will be shared with them at the get-acquainted meetings. We hope many will choose to join us in the joy of camping.

The effort doesn't end there. It is then up to **each** of us to live our motto: *The Friendliest People in the World!* If we truly want new members to go from being "strangers to friends to family," we need to reach out and welcome our new members wholeheartedly into all of our activities. Having fun together is what we do best!





From the State Director

Cindy James



From the State President

Rick and Christina Lucas

Hello Indiana,

Wow! Our Membership Director Christopher Weiss and his wonderful wife Denise, have out done themselves promoting FCRV at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show from last weekend all the way through to this past weekend! They assembled and set up a booth to help bring in new members to FCRV & Indiana! They had helpers; so not to leave anyone out, Angie Shaneyfelt, Stacy Davis, Our Indiana Teen Queen Macey, & her mom Misty. In addition, they had visitors from several of our Indiana members & Ohio, some more than once. Dennis, I, and lil GG were able to come down Saturday. Scott and Jill Serbousek from Missouri also attended! Thirty-eight individuals are interested in coming to a "Get Acquainted Meeting" to learn more about our organization and maybe join! Thank you Chris & Denise for everything! Awesome work, these two are "go getters" and put their heart and soul in this endeavor. There may have been others that I have missed so therefore please except my apologies. We appreciate all who participated in any way, shape or form!

The weather is going to get better...well it should, then we can open up our units and be ready to set up camp!

I hope that many have already registered for the scheduled campouts. You may look elsewhere here in the Chatter for the locations and the dates!

Please remember to keep our members who are healing from surgeries and illnesses in our thoughts and prayers for they want to go camping soon as well!

Keep thinking warm thoughts...take care!

Cindy James

Dear Fellow Campers,

Though we are still within the winter months, spring has begun to tease us. We've had some 60-degree days occasionally. My friend's flowers are beginning to show their heads (about 1/4 inch showing) and the Indianapolis Boat Sport and Travel Show is in the books. A big shout out to Denise and Christopher Weiss as the state membership directors, they did an excellent job on the Indiana FCRV booth.

We had invited a couple we've known for years (the husband worked with Rick for over 20 years) to join us at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show. The bug bit them more than we thought, they bought a camper while at the show. We hope to have Bernice and Harlan Nigh join us at future campouts. I heard a rumor that others also were bit by the bug. We will have to catch up with the Shaneyfelt family to see if the rumors are true.

We look forward to meeting around the campfire at the spring campout, May 3-5, 2019 at Ouabache State Park. Don't forget to get your reservations made. Many of the spots in the circle have already been booked.

Richard & Christina Lucas



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Youth News

Indiana State Association FCRV
Youth Director
Misty Stuckswisch

Hello Campers!

I hope all is well with you!

I made our reservations this week for the Spring camp out. It looks like a beautiful location.

We spend this past Saturday working at the Indy Sport, Boat, & RV show. Macey did a great job talking to people and handing out pamphlets about FCRV. It was easy to see how she earned that Miss Congeniality title! A huge thank you to Christopher & Denise for taking the reins at the booth. They do an amazing job talking to people and promoting the organization. I am in awe of their talents. We are looking forward to seeing them again this Saturday.

Have you been thinking of Spring? Garden season

is right around the corner. Now is the time to be planning your summer garden. Seeds can be started in cardboard egg cartons and then planted straight into the ground. A sunny windowsill is the perfect place to keep a fresh batch of herbs for cooking. In May we will do a little garden project & play in the dirt.

Now is the time to be thinking about your "Camping Is" and conservation posters. There will be time at the May campout to work on them. Work on ideas and bring them with you!

Until we camp again,

Misty

Collections Coordinator



Indiana State Association FCRV
Ronald McDonald House
And Riley Hospital
Collections Coordinator
C.A.M.P. Lady
Patti Thieme

Here we are again. In less than two months we will be sitting around the campfire!

Since we did a lot of sitting around this winter we need to get our walking shoes out and get ready to go. Since we will have our first camp-out at a state park there will be a lot of walking we can do.

Also, don't forget to bring all the books that you read thru the winter months so you can exchange them for some new ones for the summer months.

I hope that you saved your caps and tabs to help make benches and to send to Riley. Don't forget that if you bought extra at Christmas that you can donate the extras to Riley.

I think that is all for now so see you around the camp fire.

Patti Thieme



Teen Queen Macey meeting with a potential new Indiana FCRV member!

Teen Queen

Macey



Hey everyone!

Lately I've been so incredibly busy it's not even funny. With my new schedule I've got a full day of classes including: plant and soil science, chemistry, health, english honors, and algebra 2 honors!

I've spent a good portion of my day past two Saturdays at the Sport Fishing, Boat, and RV show. (Which was so much fun!!) People would look at me with eyes the size of saucers because I was wearing my crown and sashes! All Christopher and Denise wanted to do was get me married of all things. Lol! Don't worry I just got checked out a few times. But it was so much fun looking at all the campers!

Sunday is my recoup, church, and homework day. Plus I'm trying to get 4H projects done. And then it all starts over again. Ugh! I'm so stressed just thinking about it!

I hope everyone is doing well and I can't wait to see y'all at the next campout!!!!

Your Teen Queen,

Macey

Note: If you have a recipe that you think others might enjoy, send it to the CHATTER editor at the following address hoosierchatter@hotmail.com. Any submissions are due by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

Recipes worth Sharing!

Here is the recipe just in time for spring training.

OREO BASEBALL DESSERT

1 pkg. (3.9oz.) chocolate instant pudding
2 cups cold milk
35 OREO cookies, divided
1 1/2 cups thawed COOL WHIP
1 piece of red string licorice (36 inches)

BEAT dry pudding mix and milk with whisk 2 min. Let stand 5 min. or until thickened.

Line 8-inch round pan with plastic wrap. Arrange 14 cookies on bottom of pan, cutting to fit if necessary*. Cover with 1 cup pudding. Repeat layers.

Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate plate for 24 hours; remove plastic wrap. Invert onto serving plate.

Frost dessert with cool whip. Cut remaining cookies in half; arrange around edge of dessert.

Cut licorice into 2(8-inch) pieces and 20(1-inch) pieces. Use licorice to decorate top of dessert to resemble a baseball.

*HOW TO EASILY CUT COOKIES IN HALF: Refrigerate OREO Cookies first for about 15 min. Then, use a serrated knife to cut in half.

Deena Felver



DASAT MOMENT by Marilyn Rausch

Ready, Set, Go SAFELY

Camping weather is right around the corner. Those of us who did not winter in our campers are ready to open them out and go to that magical first campout of the year. But slow down... make sure everything is ready! Here are a few starting suggestions.

After flushing and sanitizing the water system, turn on the water pump and inspect all lines for any leaks. Check the toilet for proper operation. Make certain the water heater is out of by-pass mode.

Pay particular attention to any seams for signs of leaks or water damage. Every opening cut into the camper has the potential of leaking! (Some recommend resealing all these openings at least twice a year.)

Open all drawers, compartments, and cabinets to check for rodent and/or insect intrusion during the winter storage.

Inspect tires for signs of wear and cracking in the sidewalls. Check air pressure (RV tires can lose 2-3 psi/month). Remember to check the spare tire. Take into account the load that the tires will be supporting. Repack wheel bearings with grease, and assure that lug nuts are tightened to manufacturer's specifications.

If your unit is towable, check the hitch system for damage and stability.

Lubricate all hinges and locks with a graphite-type lubricant that does not attract dust and dirt. (Include the hinges on the steps leading into the unit).

Check the RV batteries for adequate charge, condition of the terminals and clamps. Also change the batteries in smoke, carbon monoxide and propane sensors. Check circuit breakers and fuses.

Test the ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) for proper operation. Make certain that all the 12-volt interior lights and accessories are functioning.

Turn on the LP gas valve at the cylinders or tank and check the operation of all LP gas appliances (make sure the water heater is full before testing it).

Clean or replace air filters in furnace and air conditioner. Look for any insect nests or other debris.

Open, inspect and clean awnings.

If a slide-out is present, assure proper operation. Check the seals and treat with conditioner. Look for debris or damage to the top of the slide-out.

Check and refill your first aid and emergency kits. Check the expiration dates on medications. If you are on essential prescription meds, keep a few days emergency supply, renewing it monthly to assure it is not expired.

In no way is this list of precautions exhaustive. The key concept is to make sure that your first campout of the year brings no surprises that might leave memories you would rather not have!!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Melvin Coy

We just celebrated Valentines Day. On this day, probably more than most others, couples express their love to each other. Many get engaged or get married on that date.

Love is both a noun and a verb. It is more than a feeling.

In the Bible love is a command.

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'"

As the Father loves the Son, the Son loves us.

God's love is similar to our love for our children. I believe any parent would give their life to save their child.

John 3:16 is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Another reference on love is found in I Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love is a core foundation of what we are.

It is not our place to judge. It is God's. God loves us in spite of what we are. We love others regardless of if we like what they do.

God's greatest gift to us is love. Romans 5:8.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We are reminded of this as Easter approaches.

Scriptures quoted are the New International Version NIV



Plan ahead to join in the fun at the following campouts planned for 2019.



2019 CAMPOUT INFORMATION

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS FOR THESE CAMPGROUNDS.

See the phone numbers in the articles below.

SPRING CAMPOUT

Angie Shaneyfelt will be hosting the Spring Campout on May 3-4-5 at **Ouabache State Park** in Bluffton, Indiana.

You can go on-line to make your reservations at www.reserveamerica.com We want you to reserve sites 41-59, 21, 23, 25 (or either side of the road) around the restrooms and shelter house (that we are hoping to use).

If you have any problems or questions regarding reservations, call me at 260-728-9848 or email angishaneyfelt@hotmail.com.

More information will be provided as the campout gets closer.

Angie Shaneyfelt

SUMMER CAMPOUT

The Skeeter Beaters will be hosting the summer campout August 16 – 18, 2019 at **Cornerstone Campground and Retreat Center**. Each camper will need to make their reservations directly with the campground. When you call the campground be sure to tell them you are with FCRV and want one of the spots held for FCRV.

Cornerstone Campground and Retreat Center is located at 75 W 500 S, New Castle, IN 47362. Their phone numbers are: 765-987-8700 and 765-624-9102.

Don't forget to pack your bathing suit. Finally, we will be visiting when the pool will be open!

FALL INVITATIONAL

The Indiana State Trustees are hosting the Fall Invitational on October 4-5-6 at **Bill Monroe's Memorial Music Park and Campground** in Bean Blossom, Indiana (just 5 miles North of Nashville on State Road 135). The exact address is 5163 St Rd 135, Morgantown, IN.

The sites we have reserved are: 43-53, 60-64, 93-97. You can make reservations by calling Rex: 812-327-0680 or Ben 812-361-3595. You may need to leave a message as these are cell phone numbers (since they don't man the office daily this time of year).

Retirees will be holding their Rally from Wednesday (October 2) - Friday that week at this location also. So, call an make your reservations!!!

At this campground is a walking trail, fishing lake, canoe rental (you can take your own kayaks). There will be a new shower house and a new playground, completed by next fall! Bill Monroe's Museum is located at the entrance (there is a \$4.00 fee to walk through, \$3.00 for seniors). The campground has a lot of history!

Submitted by:

Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt

Carl & Deena Felver

More memories from the Booth!



Indiana State Association 2019

Spring Campout

The Spring campout is getting closer, it will be the weekend of May 3-4-5 at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana. Mark your calendar to attend. The weekend will be hosted by Angie Shaneyfelt. The theme this year is “Smore Poppin Fun”!!!

You will need to **reserve** your site at www.reserveamerica.com. You'll need to reserve sites 41-59, 21, 23, 25 (or either side of the road). Don't wait too long to reserve or you may not be close to our events.



“Smore Poppin Fun”

2019 Spring Campout

May 3-4-5

Ouabache State Park



Mail in your \$10.00 activity fee in today.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Mail to:

Angie Shaneyfelt

1466 W 750 N

If you don't want to mail in your pre-registration form **email** or text me and let me know you plan on attending.

Email: angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com

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Ouabache State Park
Hosted by Angie Shaneyfelt
May 3-5, 2019

2019 Indiana Summer Campout

Cornerstone Campground
N75 W CR 500 S
New Castle, IN 47362
Hosted by Skeeter Beaters
August 16-18, 2019

2018 Fall Invitational

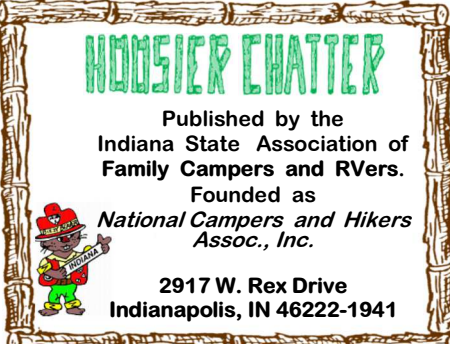
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5163 State Road 135
Morgantown, Indiana
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Retiree Rally 2019

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