



# Badger Banner



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## President's Message:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

February is here already. (And half gone already!) Don't know about you, but I am glad to see January in the rear view mirror. It was a warm to start, but did it ever go out like a lion! Has not been that cold for a lot of years. We set a few records that I would rather not have set! Onward towards warmer weather! February 2nd was "Ground Hog" day. I never did understand his predictions. If he sees his 'shadow', then there will be six more weeks of winter. But if you count the weeks, that is the middle of March, which winter is pretty much

gone by that time anyway. I guess we have to have something (or some animal) to give us something to look forward to. February & March is also the months of several RV/Camper shows. This year it seems that several RV dealers are also having their own shows with 'deals' on not only RV's & or campers, but also supplies that you just have to have. (Really??) Don't forget that we have a booth @ the RV show at the State Fair Grounds the first weekend on March. If you can find some time to help, it would be  
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Please remember this newsletter is yours and the content is entirely dependent on the submissions from you; the members.

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The deadline for the next issue is two weeks from the February and June meetings and the 15th of the month for April, August and November issues.

Like past publishers, I will send out the Banner two weeks from the due date for submissions provided members get me articles by the deadline. I will do my best with your help to get the Banner out a month after the last BSA meeting provided I receive articles on time.



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## President’s Message Continued:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

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 greatly appreciated. We do benefit via new members, and keeping Family Campers & RVers name visible. By the time this is printed, we will be on our winter vacation. Visiting Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and ending at the FCRV Retiree Rally in Louisiana before returning home. Always something new to see and do wherever we travel. Judie may do some salt water fishing while at Fort Pickins National Park this year. I know the WISCOWs had their winter meeting in January.

Make sure you read their report as they have plans for several more campouts this year. Remember, you do not have to be a member of the WISCOWs to enjoy a weekend of camping with them. (That includes the ‘unaffiliated’ members.) This year we hope to camp with the Foxtrotters at some of their outings. It is always a good campout when you are with friends. Just one more item: Watch for information from the ‘Entertainment Committee’ about their plans for a ‘get together some time in April.

# BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Minutes are subject to approval of the Association members at the next meeting.

**February 9, 2019**

**Benny’s Café  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 pm by our President Art.  
 Pledge of Allegiance and the FCRV prayer was said.

**Secretary’s Report:** Dahle Enneper  
 No copies of Minutes were available from August meeting, will approve minutes at June meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Nancy Gittel  
 New report was given by treasurer. Treasurer’s report was given and approved.

Balance	Aug 5, 2018	\$4,004.26	
Deposit	Sept 26, 2018	<u>1,197.00</u>	
(Returned deposit from Brown Co. Fairgrounds)			
Balance as of Feb 2, 2019		<b>\$5,201.26</b>	

**Dick Wisby Scholarship Fund:** Jan Cushing

Savings Balance as of Jan. 1, 2019		\$3,263.09	
Savings Interest			
	January	0.14	
Total Interest-YTD		<u>0.14</u>	
Savings Balance		\$3,263.23	

CD Balances - January 1, 2019	\$6,026.77
CD Interest	
January	26.42
Total Interest-YTD	<u>26.42</u>
Total CD Balance-May 31, 2018	\$6,053.19
Total Balance – May 31, 2018	<b>\$9,316.42</b>

**Badger Banner:** Judi Camp  
 Deadline for the Badger Banner is due in 2 weeks.

**Advertising Committee:** No Report

**DASAT (Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training):** Art Kruegel  
 Art gave a report and said it would an article will be in the banner.

**Youth Director:** Nancy Gittel                      No Report

**Historian:** Dahle Enneper                              No Report

**Teens:** No Report

**The following committees are still open for anyone that would like to volunteer to lead one of the following groups: Conservation, Wildlife, CAMP (Campers Actively Moving Program) and Teen Director. If you are interested; Please Contact Kip Cushing, our State Director.**

## **BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES (Continued)**

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**State Directors Report:** Kip Cushing  
State Director Kip gave an update on all going on in FCRV you can read all his exciting news in the banner.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**  
June State Campvention will be June 7-9 at Lake Farm County Park. You will need to make your own reservations. Art will be making his famous doughnuts on Saturday morning. Potluck on Saturday night, Ruth will organize this. BSA meeting will be Saturday at 2 pm.

Harvest Campout is up in the air; possibly Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Get Acquainted Campout: same place as usual.

Regional is July 31-August 4 in Illinois, sounds like fun.

Campvention is in Hutchinson, Kansas.

**Entertainment Committee:**

Committee will try to organize something for April and will let banner know.

Meeting adjourned 2:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dahle Enneper

## **State Director's Message**

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

Thank you everyone who came to the Badger State meeting at Benny's Café in Milwaukee this past Saturday. I hope Dahle did not get lost in the IKEA like we almost did after leaving the meeting. We would follow the exit signs and it would only lead us to fire escapes that had a alarm on them. And we only did one small square area in living rooms. You need time to venture around that store.

How many active camping members can you think of with our two chapters and unaffiliated? We have 26 members listed on the national rolls. If you add 2 zeros to the end you are just shy of what the national membership is at 2713. All organizations seem to be diminishing in size. But, we need size to keep afloat. We need to mount a membership drive for the next few years and build our size up to keep afloat in the Nation. If you need membership forms please let me know I can get some in the mail to you, or drop them off. Then we need you to attend our rallies so that the monies can keep us alive and active. Going back to active members if we have half our membership camping, just think it may be the same all over FCRV's family. These active members are why there is a Retiree Rally and a National Campvention, they support them

and work them for everyone's enjoyment. Now if all of them are doing the work, who's having fun?

If you're getting out of camping, remember FCRV is a non-profit 501C-3 group and they take donations. If you're a lifetime member feel free to help with a donation, just like you support PBS, fire and police dept., and all those other groups wanting your donation. If you are still camping come out to the rallies and support our organization, and you just might have some fun, meet some new friends, re-new past friendships, enjoy the fellowship of all the families. There is a lot of family fun at our nationals as well as letting you discover a part of our country or the neighbors north of us. Having it act as base camp and touring out from there can lead to many new discoveries.

Think new members this year. If your local RV dealer is having a Open House see if you can have a table to promote our/your club. Walk your neighborhood stop and talk to those having campers in their driveways and maybe get them to sign up or come to a campout.

Looking for you on the campground

Kip

# Chapterter News

## Foxtrotter News

Dahle Enneper

Greetings from the Foxtrotters:

Hope all are surviving this lovely weather we are having. I for one am ready for spring. It's been a long winter. Soon we will all be getting the campers out of winter storage and hitting the road and open highways

once again. Looking forward to spending time around the campfire and catching up on all of the news.



## WISCOWS MOO NEWS

Trisha Chartier

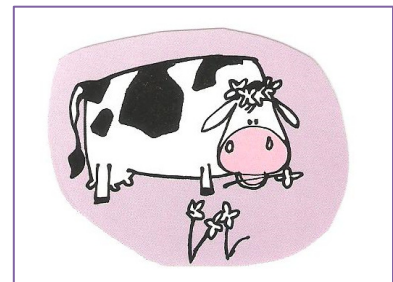
We are really looking forward to warmer weather so our camping season can officially start.

This year we have added more camping weekends starting out with Mother's Day at Richard Bong Rec. In September, we will be camping at Ottawa Lake & Cliffside ending our season at Ledge Park.

We will be at the Milwaukee RV show Feb. 28th, March 1, 2 & 3rd, please let us know if you would like to come and help us with the show. Contact Jan or Kip Crushing 262-914-5950 or 262-914-5951.

We are actively looking for more friends to come camp with us at one of our campouts to see if they might like to join our group.

Please let us know if you are planning on attending.



# Program News

## Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training (DASAT)

Art Kruegel

Greetings from Pensacola, Florida. Our winter vacation spot for this year. I'll try not to 'rub' in the Florida weather too much.

Disaster awareness has a whole different meaning down here. Have to keep a sharp eye on the weather, especially the rain & bugs. Need to get the sun lotion & bug spray out. For the last 2 or 3 mornings, the visibility was 0/0 (hard to see your hand in front of your face or the tree tops.) Makes for difficult driving. When we stopped near Huntsville, Alabama, they were expecting 10"-12" of rain between Tuesday & Sunday. We camped next to the Tennessee River, which had about 3' to raise before it entered the campground. We have not experienced any thunder storms (yet), just everything is wet.

As to the bugs: We are experiencing "no-see-em's", small bugs that you do not see, but they do bite, leaving red marks wherever. Regular bug spray, the kind we are used to in Wisconsin does not help. What does help is "Vanilla" spray. (Judie says it is also known as scented spray that women

use??) Whatever the use, it keeps the bugs away! We have to use "Benadryl itch stopping cream" to get some relief from the itching. Our neighbors here in 'Fort Pickins' have 'bug proof' screen tents. (Which don't work.) So far we have not been bothered by other bugs.

Have not heard or seen any gaiters in this area. I don't know if they are this far north. (Maybe just in hibernation yet.)

Judie & I are planning to see a 'Kids & Critters' (think Mardi Gras) parade tomorrow. Why do I bring that up? Because they throw candy out to the parade watchers. Lots of kids are expected both in the parade and watching. I remember going to the 'Hamburger' parade a few years ago where the same thing happened. Got to keep a close eye on the kids.

STAY SAFE & PLAN AHEAD FOR THE  
UNEXPECTED

## BSA STATE CAMPOUT

At the State Campvention on June 7, 8, & 9, 2019 at Lake Farm County Park, 4330 Libby Road, Madison, WI, Bud and Ruth White are sponsoring a pot-luck supper on Saturday, June 8 at 5:30 p.m. at either Site #1 or Site #2. Please bring two items - a meat main dish and your choice of one - an appetizer, salad, relishes, or dessert. Please bring your own place settings and beverage if other

than coffee. Bud and Ruth will furnish coffee. Also bring your lawn chairs (and small tables?)

Make your online camping reservations soon. [www.DaneCountyParks.com](http://www.DaneCountyParks.com) (Lake Farm County Park.)

Ruth White

## Happy Birthday!



Ruth White	March 11th
Judi Camp	March 26th
Jan Cushing	March 31st
Jonathan Enneper	April 17th

## Happy Anniversary!



Don & Joyce Oldenburg	May 12th
Art & Judie Kruegel	May 23rd
Ken & Dahle Enneper	June 11th
Jay & Nancy Gittel	June 16th

**Don't let us overlook that most important dates! Send your special dates to [badgerbanner@gmail.com](mailto:badgerbanner@gmail.com)**



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## CAMPOUTS & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT / LOCATION	CITY, STATE	HOST
<b>2019</b>			
Jan 26th	Benny's Cafe	Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
Feb 9th	Benny's Cafe	Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
Feb 28th March 1st - 3rd	Milwaukee RV Show	West Allis	State Director and BSA Volunteers
May 10th - 12th	Richard Bong Rec Area	Kansasville	Wis-Cows
May 24th - 27th	Get Acquainted Campout	Walworth Co Fairgrounds Elkhorn	State Director
June 7th - 9th	Wisconsin State Campout	Lake Farm County Park Madison	Wis-Cows
July 7th - 13th	FCRV National Campvention	Kansas State Fairgrounds Hutchinson, Kansas	Heartland Region FCRV Volunteers
July 31 - Aug 3	Great Lakes Regional	Iroquois Co. Fairgrounds, Watseka, IL	Illinois State Association
Sept 6th - 8th	Ottawa Lake Rec Area	Dousman	Wis-Cows
Sept 27th - 29th	Celebration Campout	Cliffside County Park	Wis-Cows
Oct 11th - 13th	Ledge County Park	Horicon	Wis-Cows

**Please Submit your Camping Schedule to be added to this Calendar!**

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### BSA MEETING / GATHERING INFORMATION

DATE	LOCATION	HOST
<b>2019</b>		
February 9th	Benny's Café, Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
April	TBA	Entertainment Committee
June 7th - 9th	Lake Farm County Park Madison	Wis-Cows
August	TBA	State Director/Field Staff
November	TBA	Entertainment Committee



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