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## ISA & FCRV DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2019:

- March 19-25, International Retiree Rally, Houma, LA
- April 26-28 – ISA April Campout, Alfs hosting, tentatively located at Sparta World Shooting Complex
- June 9-12, Retiree Campout, Putnam County Fairgrounds, Henry, IL
- June 14-16, ISA State Campout, need a host, tentatively located at the Illinois State Fairgrounds
- July 7-11, FCRV Campvention 2019, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS
- July 31-August 4, Great Lakes Regional Campout, Iroquois County Fairgrounds, Watseka, IL
- September 8-11, Retiree Campout, Putnam County Fairgrounds, Henry, IL
- September 13-15, ISA State Campout, Host TBD, Location TBD

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Campers,

I can't believe our camping year will be coming to an end now that we have the September State Campout behind us. All too soon for me! It has been a fun year seeing those of you who we got the chance to camp and have fun with. Connie and I were able to attend the April, June and September State Campouts, and the Great Lakes Regional in Wisconsin. We will be going to the Quacker Gathering in Ft. Wayne in November.

As you know, we had an auction at the September State Campout to raise money to go toward working the 2019 RV Shows. I was very pleased with the outcome of our first auction. We raised \$193.50, which was more than I expected for the first time. Everyone who participated had a lot of fun. We had Pete Luensmann as our auctioneer and Craig Weber acted as Vanna White (showing and demonstrating the products). That in itself was entertaining! We have had suggestion of other activities to have at the future State Campouts, such as a cake walk, a bake off, etc. If you have any suggestions, please let someone on the board know of your idea.

The board has decided to work The St. Louis RV Show with Missouri (if Missouri decides to work it), which will be February 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Bellville RV Show (February also) and the Peoria RV Show (March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>). Anyone who would be interested in working any of the 3 RV shows, please let someone on the board know. Connie will put the dates in her updates for your information.

The Executive Board is still working on the Illinois Constitution. We have a weekend planned to get together, so we can complete it. We hope to be presenting it to all of you at the April and June State Campouts. Then we will put out a printed copy of the changes, so we will be ready for a vote at the September State Campout.

I know that our snowbirds will be flying south soon; I hope you all have a safe trip. Connie & I will also get a chance to fly south for the holidays. Maybe we will get a chance to visit some of you while we are there.

Yours in Camping,  
Doug Black

### FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

Hello Fellow Campers,

Doug and I attended the September State Campout. The ISA Board was the hosts of this campout. Craig & Shari Weber had their Turtle Races for us on Saturday evening and everyone who participated really enjoyed themselves. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The campground still had their swimming pool open and some of our youth that attended took advantage of that. Galesburg East Campground was a wonderful place to hold this campout. The owners were great to deal with and very accommodating. I highly recommend all of you to visit this campground at some point when you are going to be in the area. You will not regret it.

Illinois is having their elections next year. If you or someone you know would like to run for an office, please contact Martha Cooley at [honeycamp@hotmail.com](mailto:honeycamp@hotmail.com) or Michael Tharp at [MichaelT92@Rocketmail.com](mailto:MichaelT92@Rocketmail.com). Please consider running for an office.

From National:

- Teen Director, Youth Director, Website Editor and Membership Director are all open positions. The descriptions of the responsibilities for these positions are in the field manual which is found at [fcrv.org](http://fcrv.org). If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions please contact George Walters for the Teen & Youth positions and Scott Serbousek for the Website Editor and Membership Director positions. You can also contact any trustee who will forward to the appropriate person. If we all work together we can find qualified people for these positions.
- From July to August our membership saw 31 drops. Eight new members were recruited during the same period. From August to September our membership saw 21 drops. Twelve new members were recruited. The good news I see is that the number of drops is going down. We are recruiting new members each month. We need to continue to invite new friends to enjoy camping with FCRV. Thanks for all you do.
- Scott Serbousek will be giving campground members a decal that says, "Proud Member of FCRV." When you see the sticker, ask for a discount.
- DeWayne Johnston new e-mail address: [D\\_Johnston01@outlook.com](mailto:D_Johnston01@outlook.com). Whenever you send something to DeWayne for Camping Today, also send a copy to Vickie Roop at [FCRVWebsite@aol.com](mailto:FCRVWebsite@aol.com).

- Vickie would like to know of any interesting stories, recognition, etc., going on throughout the organization for publication in Camping Today.
- Scott reminded everyone about the calendar of events on the website.
- The 2019 Retiree rally is in Houma, LA, March 19-25. Early days begin on March 15. Theme is "Blue Bayou." Information and registration forms are contained in "Camping Today". Dal & Barb Dodson and their team are planning a week of fun and Mardi Gras festivities for all who attend.
- The Cadet membership can no longer be used. Any new member pays \$35 and receives six additional months free. 18 months provides new member two camping seasons. This offered is also to anyone who has not been a member for the last five years.

Retiree Rally: Ivalee Vanderhoff and the 2019 Campvention Committee gave a preview of next July's (7-12) event at the Kansas State Fairground in Hutchinson. The first 211 to pre-register will have full hookups. All others will be parked with water and electric. Registration fee: \$300. Early bird days: July 5 & 6 @ \$25/night. The theme is, "All Roads lead to Kansas". The buildings are air conditioned. Check future Camping Today issues and the FCRV web site ([www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org)) for rally details and registration.

Any time you have pictures you would like to share with everyone about your campouts, please e-mail them to me, so I can add them to my update. It is always fun to see pictures of your activities and chapter members having fun.

Your Camping Friend,

Connie Black

Illinois State Director

Family Campers & RV'ers

### HELP WANTED – ISA EDITOR

It's been several years now since I volunteered to be the ISA Newsletter Editor, but it is getting harder and harder for me to get the information out to you all in a timely manner. Work is crazy as my company was purchased and we have been converting all of our systems. With that being said we are in dire need of someone who is able to take over the ISA Editor job. I have simplified the layout and put it in MS Word so the only requirement is that you have some version of MS Word on your computer and email where you can receive articles and photos from submitters. If you would like to be the person to help out with this important job, please reach out to me (Jill Serbousek) at [jnsserbousek@gmail.com](mailto:jnsserbousek@gmail.com) or 314-435-7303.

### WOMEN BEAT THE MEN....AGAIN

Eleanor Ruffino and Terry Fritz are the winners of the lady's vs men lawn bowling game. Congratulations ladies. This makes two in a row for the Ladies... (June and September state retiree campouts)



## MEMBER MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER

Meeting called to order at 10:07 by Doug Black, President

Pledge and prayer by Donna

Guests Craig and Shari Weber Mark and Ina and Kaitlyn

Roll call

- Clubs present: Alf Campers, Soy City, Bears & Cubs, Pheasant Runners
- At large Craig and Shari Weber, George and Betty Hemlich

Reading of past meeting-motioned to accept the ISA notes by Connie, Pete 2nd the motion

Treasure report- George Helmich

Corresponding Secretary

- Campout Report: 4 pre-registered, we did receive some emails to RSVP we had a total of 13 units and 1 drive in for Saturday. We brought in \$140 the cost of food was \$123, The board gave \$17 to George for the ISA Treasury. Report was turned over to the treasurer for his records

State Director

- 16 new members, 9 drops this year
- State Campout – April 26-28 – Sparta, Alfs hosting, June 9-12 Retiree, June 14-16 ISA, Illinois State Fairgrounds ?? hosts, July 31-Aug 4 GL Regional, Sept 8-11 Retiree, Sept 14-16 ISA State
- Great Lakes Regional July 31-August 4, Iroquois County
- There is no longer going to be a Cadet program, instead a new member pays \$35 and gets 18 mos membership, so basically 2 seasons of camping, Pete touched base also on why this was changed.
- Nationals is looking for a youth director
- Campvention will be July 7-12, 2019 at Hutchins, KS. The first 210 people to register will get full hook up, early days are July 5th and 6th.

Shari Weber brought with her some old camping is magazines with the fold Come Camp with us for anyone who wanted one.

Chaplain report

- Donna Powell requested that the offering collected go to Mike and Megan Rose (Mike and Jana Tharps daughter and son in law) for their daughter Charlotte who is 3 mos old and facing some health issues. All agreed and \$73 is what was collected

New Business

- Upcoming elections:
  - President - Doug Black
  - Vice President - Joe Beortoune
  - Recording Secretary - Jill Serbousek
  - Corresponding Secretary - Rhonda O'Neal
  - Treasure - George Helmich
  - Nominees closed by Shari and 2nd by George
- ISA Income
  - We had an auction at this campout to raise money to help with RV shows, Pete explained we need to bring money in to be able to continue doing RV shows which helps with recruiting people to join FCRV. We raised \$193.50. Pete asked for suggestions to raise money @ the state campouts.
  - George explained the \$100 to the hosting club (if they ask for it) does not leave much for a profit. This campout was hosted by the Board and no money was asked for in advance and Doug and Connie did donate some food, and enough was brought in with registration to cover the cost.
- Kentucky Colonels Campout
  - Craig had his turtle races for Saturday night entertainment that everyone enjoyed. He talked about the Kentucky Colonels campout being held @ Diamond Lake Nov 14 thru Nov 19 this year. The 16 thru 18 of November will be when most of the activities will be going on. Registration Fee is \$5 per person but did not know the price of camping. He then explained the campout and how becoming a Kentucky Colonel started with "good works" and this campout has been going on for a long time.

Minutes submitted by Rhonda O'Neal

## CAMPERS ACTIVELY MOVING – FALL IS A SUPER SEASON FOR SHAPING UP

How many New Year's Eves have you spent sipping wine and vowing to get more fit in the coming year? And how many times have you failed to follow through? Rather than wait for the beginning of the new year, try starting your fitness goals this fall (many companies start their fiscal year in October, why not you?).

**Take advantage of the weather.** Fall can be a treat for the senses: the crisp air, apple picking, pumpkin carving, a gorgeous canopy of fall foliage, and the crunch of leaves underfoot. These months are a great time to exercise outdoors and enjoy cooler temperatures. Find a new park trail or hit one of your favorites to enjoy the weather and nature of the fall season.

**Be an active TV watcher.** Fall starts the new season of all our favorite TV show. While you watch, you can walk or run in place, do standing lunges, do tricep dips off the couch, or lift weights. During commercials, do push-ups or sit-ups. In a one-hour show, you probably have close to 20 minutes' worth of commercial interruption.

**Rejuvenate yourself.** Fall is the time to rejuvenate body, mind and spirit. Get a massage after your run. Take a Yoga class. Take an art class. Treat yourself not just with exercise but other activities that promote wellness so you can feel good physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

## COOK'S POT – PEANUT BUTTER S'MORE QUESADILLAS

This dessert quesadilla is stuffed with peanut butter, chocolate, ripe banana and marshmallows. S'more may not be enough for the peanut butter fans at home!

### What You Need

- 4 to 6 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 9- to 10-inch flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup tiny marshmallows
- 1/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces
- 2 medium firm, ripe bananas, thinly sliced
- cooking oil
- sugar and ground cinnamon (optional)

### Make It

Prep Time: 15 Min, Cook Time: 19 Min

1. Spread 2 to 3 tablespoons peanut butter over half of each tortilla. Top each with some of the marshmallows, chocolate pieces, and banana slices. Fold tortillas in half, pressing gently to flatten and seal slightly. Brush both sides with a little oil.
2. Place a 10-inch cast iron skillet over medium-high heat on a camp stove, grill rack, or grate over an open fire. Cook tortillas for 2 to 3 minutes per side or until golden and chocolate is melted, turning once halfway through grilling. If desired, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. To serve, cut into wedges. Makes 4 servings.

## DASAT - INTERNATIONAL SHAKEOUT DAY – EARTHQUAKE SAFETY



It's not just the West Coast that needs to watch out for tectonic obliteration. The New Madrid Seismic Zone spans southeastern Missouri, northeastern Arkansas, western Tennessee, western Kentucky, and southern Illinois. It's the most active earthquake zone east of the Rocky Mountains.

Between 1811 and 1812, this zone experienced some of the largest quakes in history. And although they originated in the Mississippi Valley, they rang church bells in Boston and shook New York City — over 1,000 miles away! Even then-President James Madison and his wife Dolley reportedly felt shaking at the White House.

After one particularly large rupture in the fault, the mighty Mississippi River was forced to run backward for several hours, devastating acres of forest and creating 2 temporary waterfalls. Fortunately, the Mississippi Valley was sparsely populated back then. Today millions of people live in densely populated urban areas like St. Louis and Memphis, making this zone one of the biggest concerns for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

October 18<sup>th</sup> is International Shakeout Day and millions of individuals, families, schools, and workplaces will be practicing their earthquake response. Whether you are participating on the 18h or another day or not at all, here are a few tips to stay safe during an earthquake:

For people with mobility & access issues or other functional needs:

During earthquake shaking, protect yourself from falling objects.

**DROP** where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.

**COVER** your head and neck with one arm and hand

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs

**HOLD ON** until the shaking stops.

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

OR ADAPT FOR YOUR SITUATION:

If you have difficulty getting onto the ground, or cannot get back up again without the help of a caregiver, then follow these recommendations:

- If you are in a recliner or bed: Cover your head and neck with your arms or a pillow until the shaking stops.
- If you use a cane: Drop, Cover, and Hold On or sit on a chair, bed, etc. and cover your head and neck with both hands. Keep your cane near you so it can be used when the shaking stops.
- If you use a walker or wheelchair: LOCK your wheels (if applicable). If using a walker carefully get as low as possible. Bend over and COVER your head/neck with your arms, a book, or a pillow. Then HOLD ON during shaking.

People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: Prior to an earthquake, identify and test multiple ways to receive warnings and evacuation information.

People who are Blind or have Low Vision: Earthquakes can cause items to fall and furniture to shift. Regular sound clues may not be available afterwards. Move with caution.

People with Developmental/Cognitive/Intellectual Disabilities: If you have difficulty understanding, remembering, or learning, keep a simple list of what to do and important information with you and in your kits. Practice your plan in advance. If you use augmentative communication supports, include these in your planning.

### AROUND ILLINOIS—GALESBURG, IL



This year's September State campout was held near Galesburg, IL and I didn't realize what site seeing opportunities were nearby until I was dropped off at the train depot to take the Amtrak to Chicago on Saturday afternoon. I did some looking and wanted to let everyone else know – the next time you're in Galesburg check out the Railroad Museum, the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, and Knox College – one of the sites of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates!

#### Galesburg Railroad Museum

The Galesburg Railroad Museum is a not for profit corporation established to promote the research, exploration, and discovery of the history of the railroad industry as it applies to Galesburg and Western Illinois. Its objective is to gather and preserve artifacts, historical documents, data, letters, accounts, and articles as it relates to the history of the local railroad. The museum is loaded with railroad history and artifacts, a caboose, RPO car, and a steam locomotive.



#### Carl Sandburg State Historic Site

Author-poet Carl Sandburg was born here in a three-room cottage on January 6, 1878. From these humble beginnings, Sandburg went on to achieve international acclaim for his poetry, children's stories, and a six-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln. A Visitors' Center and gift shop is located next to the birthplace. Be sure to walk through the wooded park and perennial garden where the ashes of Carl Sandburg and his wife lie beneath "Remembrance Rock." Quotation Walk leads you through the garden with famous quotes from Carl Sandburg's writings engraved in the stepping stones.

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October 7, 1858 - More than 15,000 people jammed the campus of Knox College. Heavy rain had fallen the day before and a raw wind blew during the debate. Douglas went to great length to explain his opposition to the Lecompton Constitution and his opposition to any compromise on the subject. He made his typical statement concerning the Declaration of Independence being written by white men and meant to apply only to white men. Lincoln emphasized the Declaration of Independence was meant to apply to all men.

Source: Neely, Mark E. Jr. 1982. The Abraham Lincoln Encyclopedia. New York: Da Capo Press, Inc.

Built in 1857, Old Main at Knox College is the only Lincoln-Douglas Debate site where today's visitor can go back in time and stand with Abraham Lincoln, overlooking the east lawn where assembled an audience of more than ten-thousand. Now at the center of the Knox campus, Old Main still evokes the expansive prairie environment that existed on October 7, 1858. Large bronze tablets portraying Lincoln and Douglas now flank the east door, while historic exhibits inside Old Main reveal details of the debate and the founding of Galesburg and Knox College. A Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibit on the lawn provide further information and illustrations of the debate.

## A THANK YOU

Let me start by saying thank you! A simple thank you goes a long way and yet it's not enough to show our appreciation for your generosity and for helping us with some of the expenses of baby Charlotte's trip to St. Louis to see the pediatric neurosurgeon. Although she's only three months old it's been a very eventful three months. With all that being said I would like to say thank you one more time and to ask that you please continue to keep us in your prayers as we go to St. Louis and hopefully find good answers.

With much love and appreciation,

Michael, Megan, Logan and Charlotte Rhoades

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