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Message from your State President

Special points of interest:

- FREE Camping for ALL!!
(See inside for details.)
- Saturday Night Dinner
- DSAT Presentation
- Door Prizes
- Participation Prizes
- Social Time and Games
- Sunday Service

I hope everyone had a good summer. The weather has been a bit strange this year, but I hope you all had some fun camping.

Some of us attended the National Campvention in Doswell, VA in July. This was my first campvention and I must say I had a really good time. Putting faces and names together was very gratifying. Please

look inside for some pictures of the activities that took place there.

Our Fall campout will be held in Walkersville once again this year.

I hope everyone will be able to join us for fun and fellowship. For each family camping, you are entitled to one free night of camping. You must pay for one night and the reg-

istration.

The association is also paying for your dinner on Saturday night. Please indicate that you want dinner on your registration form.

See you in Walkersville!

Cindy Shugars
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Message from your State Directors

October is coming! For many of us, ! For many of us, this is the end of our 2018 camping season.

What better way to end the season than attend the Fall State Campout in Walkersville for a weekend of fellowship, games and food. As you can see the weekend will be special with one camping night and dinner FREE.

We attended the North

East Regional Campout in New York. We had a great time meeting old friends and making a few new ones. Next year the Regional will be in Pennsylvania. August 1 - 4th. If you attended the Campout a few years ago, it will be at the same place. More information will follow.

Our turn to hold the Regional will be in two years.

We are looking for a place with electrical sites for about 50 units for September or early October. If you know of such a place, let us know. It seems early, but time flies.

SEE YOU IN WALKERSVILLE.

Joe and Peggy Lins
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Message from your National DSAT Director



Fire Safety: Things to Consider

Here are some wonderful suggestions for everyone. They come from a "Fire Safety" Seminar that was given at the 2018 FCRV Campvention, in Doswell, Va. this past July. To keep things easy, check your RV and make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector. How many do you have in your camping unit? Depending on the length of the RV it is recommended that you have a least two. The first one should be in the main living area and the second in the sleeping quarters. In a few instances, a third one might be necessary. As to the installation, follow the recommendations from the manufacture as to the locations best suited to your individual application.

The next item of importance is the use of a smoke detector. Here again more than one may be very useful with in your RV. The best location is the "kitchen" area of your RV. A second one would certainly be useful in the front and rear of your (motorhome) RV. This way if a problem occurs as you are driving down the road, you would be able to hear the alert and know that a problem exists. In a motor home, so

many problems can occur that you need that extra alert notification to resolve the problem before it grows into a disaster.

When was the last time you checked the fire extinguishers in your RV? Now is the time to do so. In most instances, the one that came with your RV is very small, about a one or two pounder. It is recommended that you have five or 10 pounder fire extinguisher within your RV. This way if a fire were to get started you would have a better chance of preventing it from spreading or would be able to put it out quickly. The larger the fire extinguisher the better your chances.

Here is something new to consider. When you arrive to that campsite, put a "Y" on the water connection. One water hose will be connected to the RV and the second hose, 25 feet or more, will lay curled up on the ground. This second hose will turned off until needed. (The expandable hoses on the market today will be excellent for this purpose.) Why you may ask, if a fire was to break out at your camping site or at your neighbors you have an instant water supply ready to

go to assist. What a simple, yet effect idea!

Carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors both need batteries. Remember to change them at least twice a year. In the process of changing the batteries, check the date of manufacture. If you have ones that are five years or older you may want to replace them with newer models. The same may hold true for the fire extinguisher.

In all cases, anything you can do to be safe in your RV is very important. These simple tips make a world of difference in the area of fire prevention. The next time you are planning for that weekend camping adventure, take the time to review the above suggestions and make adjustment as necessary to insure you and your family are safe.

Joe Boswell
National DASAT Dir.

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Free Camping at Walkersville!

If you have a potential member that is interested in camping with us, you can offer them a free weekend of camping at Walkersville. The only thing we ask is that they pay the registration fee of \$10.00 which covers them for insurance purposes. This is for campers who do not belong to an FCRV chapter.

Did you know that you can get the latest copy of the Lantern on-line at FCRV.ORG?
 CLICK ON "News", "Newsletters" -- THEN CLICK ON "Northeast Newsletters"
 We are listed under "Maryland".



Scott Keys Campers in Doswell.



Waiting, waiting, . . .
 Madison Mitchell and
 Morgan Phipps.



Robin Boswell in period dress as part of
 our entry in the "Reverse Parade".



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING TO WALKERSVILLE!

Door prizes

Your name tag so first timers can get to know you.

Non-perishable foods for the local food bank.

Books. Bring all of your books that would like to give away and we'll place them on a table for all to enjoy. Magazines, CDs, DVDs and videos are also welcome.

Aluminum Tabs-these will be taken to Nationals.



Recent Happenings, by Matthew Mitchell

Campvention 2018, Doswell, VA

The Mitchell family had 100% participation for the wildlife photo contest.
 George Mitchell won 1st place in adults with a heron picture
 Matthew Mitchell 2nd place in adults with a heron at the lighthouse
 Tammy Flanagan 3rd heron on a boat
 Michael Mitchell 1st and 2nd for teens with a young heron and a hawk
 Mason Mitchell 2nd in youth with a heron
 Christina Mitchell with a turtle laying an egg

In all 27 photos were submitted by other campers, with Maryland submitting the majority of 2 pictures per person =18.

Christina was at the right spot at the right moment to capture a turtle laying an egg. She was really happy to win 2nd place and some prize money to boot.
 Matthew Mitchell participated in adult horseshoes and washer toss receiving 2nd place in mixed doubles in both.
 Morgan Phipps and Madison Mitchell also submitted photos but did not place.

Northeast Regional in Ny

Matthew participated in washer toss and in Bocce ball and winning high points for each team played.
 Madison Mitchell participated in Saturday night entertainment in the horse race.
 Matthew participated in a huge 275 foot slip and slide made from billboard plastic material. It was a daring and crazy experience, but fun.

The Mitchell family also appears in *Camping Today* (September 2018 issue) on page 8. Congratulations!!



Christina's Winning Photo



Super Slide!



Mathew's Ribbons



Horse Race

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COMMITTEES FOR THE SPRING CAMPOUT

Campfire Cutups:

Children's Games
Rest Rooms
Security

Falcons:

Hospitality
Church

D C Ramblers:

Scott Keys:

Dinner
Registration
Card Bingo

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday

Noon Gates Open
7:30 PM Card Bingo*
8:30 PM Hospitality and Other Games

Sunday

9:30 AM Church
10:30 AM Executive Board Meeting
Noon Check Out

Saturday

8:30 AM – Potluck Breakfast**
9:45 AM Opening Ceremonies/General meeting
12:00 p.m. –4:00 p.m. – Free time: Games, socializing, and
4:00 PM DASAT Program
5:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Entertainment/Game Night - Bring games and snacks to share.

Happy trails and safe travels home!
See you on the road this summer!

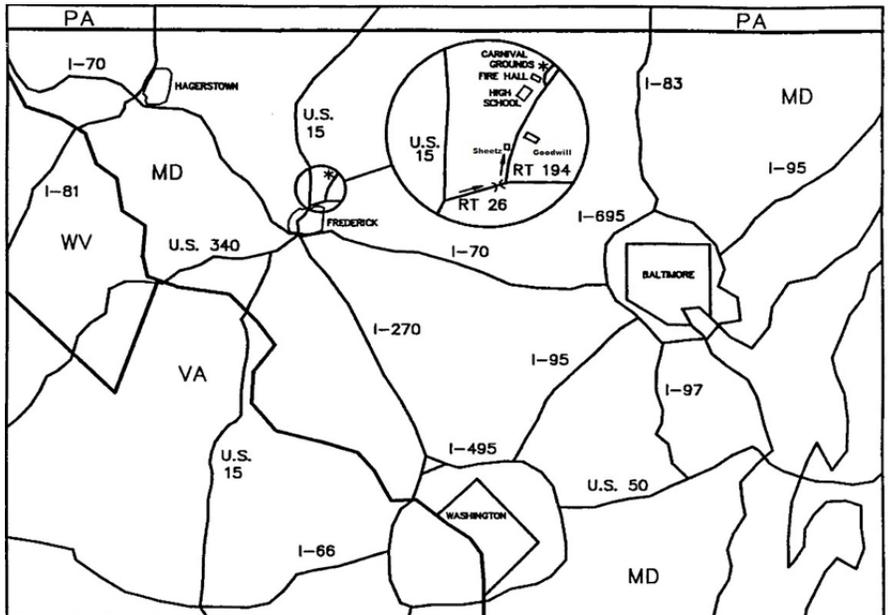
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*** Bring your quarters!**

****Your Choice: Bring a dish to share or just your own breakfast. Fellowship with your fellow campers! Coffee will be provided!**

Directions to Walkersville

**Map to the
Walkersville Fire Department
Carnival Grounds**



Free Dinner on Saturday and 1 FREE night of camping!!!

Registration Deadline: October 9, 2018

Fall Meeting of the MD/DC FCRV

Save the date: October 19-21, 2018

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