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President's Message:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

Not much to report this month. Badger State Campvention was canceled due to COVIT19. We were able to hold the required annual meeting via virtual media (ZOOM) on Saturday, June 13th. Four families from the WISCOW's and one family from 'unaffiliated' log on. So we did have a quorum. The minutes were taken via a recording

during the entire time we were on ZOOM.

One item was brought up was attendance for Badger State meetings. It was suggested that we poll the membership to get some feedback as to what or when would be an acceptable time and place for Badger State meetings. Two years ago the meeting was held at Brown

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Notes from the Publisher



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

County Fairground. (Attendance was better as it was a regional camp out) Last year the Badger State meeting was held at a Dane County camp ground, (attendance was one better than this years virtual meeting) However, for at least the last several years, attendance has diffidently declined. It is a fact that total active membership is down a *lot* from when Judie & I joined in 2004 (or 2005). At last years meeting at Dodge County Ledge Park, it was stated by those present that they thought the meetings were necessary to promote friendship among our membership. Is that still so?

Please give me some feedback as to *YOUR* thoughts about a time and place for

our next meeting. My e-mail address is in the Badger Banner.

Just an another note:

Don Oldenburg was called home to his eternal rest in June. Don and Joyce were active in Family Campers and RVers for many years. Don was a Field Director for Badger State, was the reason we had 'advertisers' in our Badger Banner, besides attending our Badger State camp outs, and Don & Joyce attended many 'National' camp outs, including the 'National Retiree' rallies.

I just want to express our sorrow at his passing.

Until our next meeting,
Art Kruegel

BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

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

June 8, 2020 Zoom Virtual Meeting Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. by President Art Kruegel. The FCRV prayer was said. The following chapters were represented: Wiscows and Unaffiliated. (Members present in Zoom meeting were Art & Judie, Kip & Jan, Tricia & Neal, Nancy, Bud & Ruth.) The quorum was met. Art informed the members that this meeting is being recorded.

Secretary's Report: Dahle Enneper

Dahle was unable to attend today. **No Motion made for minutes to be approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Gittel

Balance - April 30, 2020	\$5,201.26
Field Dir. Fund Get-Acquainted 2019	30.00
2020 RV Show Parking - Art & Judie	<u>6.00</u>
Balance May 31, 2020	\$5165.26

There was a hack in our membership emails and Nancy received an email requesting a check in the amount of \$2100.00 from an attachment on one of Art's emails. It said Art authorized the check to be sent to them out in Idaho. Nancy called them and they gave her all the correct answers to her questions, so she sent out the check to them. After Nancy realized that it didn't sound right, she called the bank and put a hold/freeze on the check. The check has not been cashed so no funds have been taken out of the BSA checking account. All checks will not be cashed by the bank unless they talk to Nancy and get her authorization. She will be (continued on page 4)

BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES (Continued)

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closing the account and setting up a new account.

A motion was made by Tricia for Nancy to set up a new BMO BSA checking account.

Seconded by Judie. Motion passed.

The Dick Wisby Scholarship Fund: Jan Cushing

Savings Balance as of Jan. 1, 2020	\$3,264.72
Savings Interest	
January	0.14
February	0.13
March	0.14
April	0.13
May	0.14
Total Interest-YTD	<u>0.68</u>
Total Savings Balance	\$3,265.40
CD Balances - January 1, 2020	\$6,096.79
Interest-YTD	<u>134.02</u>
Total CD Balance	\$6,230.81
Total Balance	\$9,496.21

Badger Banner: Judi Camp

Deadline for the Badger Banner is due in 2 weeks.

DASAT (Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training): Art Kruegel

Will send Judi a report for DASAT.

State Directors Report: Kip Cushing

There is nothing to report since there is really nothing for Nationals and everything has been cancelled.

Old Business:

Scholarship: Will send report to send to Judi for the Banner. We don't have anyone in the age group right now so no applications.

New Business:

Election of officers:

At the last meeting there discussion about keeping on the Treasure and Secretary on permanent basis. President and Vice-President would need to be voted on. A Foxtrotter will need to fill in the President position and a WisCow will fill in as Vice-President. Art will stay on as President for one more meeting. This will have to be proposed to change our Bylaws on officer terms. Jan will check into it and send out a revision to members and then it can be voted on it.

Advertising: there is no longer a committee since Don and Joyce have stepped down.

Judi will be checking into a new BSA computer and quotes will be needed.

Ruth invited members to camp at Pine Ridge Campground over the 4th of July weekend.

Motion was made to adjoin the meeting by Judie and seconded by Ruth. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Judi Camp,
Secretary pro tem for Dahle Enneper

Note to BSA Members

Bud and I have two motor home tires, size 255/80R22.5 Michelin from our previous motorhome and we would like to give them to someone free of charge for the hauling. Bud said it would be a good spare tire. Has thread left. Call 262-364-6509 if interested. Ruth White

State Director's Message

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

I hope that you are doing well in this unprecedented time in our county. The COVID 19 pandemic has caused the cancellation of FCRV events on the national, regional, and state levels.

At this time plans are continuing for events in 2021. These include the Retiree Rally in Mineola, TX in March, and the Regional Campout in Shipshewana, IN in August.

The big event, National Campvention, will be held July 11-16, 2021 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Early bird days start on July 9. More information will be published in Camping Today each month and on the website.

Please mark your calendars for this huge event. It is the first time the national campvention will be held in Wisconsin. Let's have a good representation of Wisconsin members attending. If you would like to help on a committee next year, let me know.

Are you getting Camping Today electronically? If not, it is probably because the national office does not have your current e-mail address. FCRV does not give your e-mail address to anyone else. If you prefer not to give the national office your e-mail address, Camping Today can also be found on the website: FCRV.org, news, Camping Today shortly after the first of each month.

Come Camp With Us, Kip

Donald J. Oldenburg, Sr.

Menomonee Falls - Passed away May 28, 2020 at the age of 86. He is survived by his beloved wife Joyce (nee Bein) of 64 years, loving children Donald Oldenburg, Jr., Karen (Adrian "Henry") Van Schaick and Sheri (David) Gottfried and grandchildren Nathan, Sarah and Abigail. Further survived by other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his siblings Fredrick, Doris and Kenneth. Don retired from Dostel Lowey after 44 and a half years working as a machinist/inspector. He enjoyed camping, cards, hunting and fishing. Private services will be held.



Chapterter News

Foxtrotter News

Dahle Enneper

Hope all are safe and having a relaxing summer.

Ken and I are in Niagara Falls clearing out 60 plus years of marriage.

Looking forward to hopefully camping soon.

But for now we are content on

staying safe and healthy.

Please all stay safe and as much as it is an inconvenience, please wear a mask to stop this virus.



WISCOWS MOO NEWS

Trisha Chartier

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

August 21-23rd you will find us camping at Harnischfeger Park where you can rent a kayak and enjoy the river. This is a new location it's a really small campground but very nice. Looking forward to spending the weekend there.

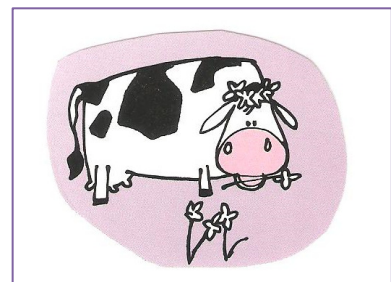
September 11th - 14th finds us back at Cliffside which we really love. They have large grassy sites.

October 23rd - 26th we will be at Ledge Park enjoying the fall colors.

If you plan on joining us I highly recommend you get a reservation in as I am finding the campgrounds are filling up fast!!!!

Please let me know if you are planning on attending any of our campouts and I will send you a flyer of what's happening for the weekend.

Tricia Chartier President of WISCOWS, Tricia@MooLady.com



Program News

Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training (DASAT)

Art Kruegel

Want the latest on COVIT19? Sorry, your are in the wrong place. If I said anything, it would be outdated by the time you read this. But even with the many changes, I ask all to follow what our State and National leaders are telling us to do. I feel (and hope) they are telling us to do what they are being told by science. (Sometimes I just wish they would set an example by following their own directions!)

On to another topic: Last month while my wife was extending the 'slide outs' on our 5er (just to clean), she heard a 'thump'. One of our son's was there with her, and did a quick walk around. He found the spare tire (and its steel holder) laying on the ground. The bolts on one side apparently 'rusted' to the point that they broke! (Our 5er is 12 years old.) Just think of what could have happened if they broke while

going down the interstate! And before you ask, I did NOT check the undercarriage before this happened! But I have checked what I can now! (I replaced the steel and all the bolts holding it!) Just another area to 'look' at every once in a while. I intend to treat the undercarriage (as much of it that I can) with some rust preventive/control paint as I can get to. Also going to check the rear stabilizers for signs of rust.

Just when we think we check everything on our campers, something new happens that we never thought of checking. Keep your eyes & ears open for anything that just does not sound or look right. In the aircraft business, they call this 'required' inspections for internal integrity.

Stay safe, do your 'walk a round's', follow safe health practices.

Former Member's Passing

Bud & Ruth White

Joyce Borkoski, age 74, a past member of the Pine Cone chapter passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Angels Grace Hospice in Oconomowoc with her husband, Jerry, at her side. Joyce was a Controller at Westmore Country Club in Brookfield for 36 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Jerome Borkoski; her son, Brett Koch, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Burial will be held at Glenview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Ixonia on Saturday, May 30th at 11 a.m.

Jerry Borkoski's address: N8395 Parkview Dr., Ixonia, WI 53036-9709, his cell phone: 920-988-5565 and email: jwborkoski@wi.rr.com

Happy Birthday!



Jay Gittel	July 3rd
Ken Enneper	July 31st
Dahle Enneper	August 16th

Happy Anniversary!



Jim & Judi Camp	July 9th
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CAMPOUTS & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT / LOCATION	CITY, STATE	HOST
2020			
Jan 4th	Benny's Cafe	Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
Feb 1st	BSA Meeting	TBD	BSA President
Feb 27th - March 1st	Milwaukee RV Show	West Allis	State Director & BSA Volunteers
April	BSA Get-Together	TBD	BSA President & BSA Members
May 29th - 31st	Get Acquainted Campout CANCELLED	Walworth Co Fairgrounds Elkhorn	State Director
June 12th - 14th	Wisconsin State Campout CANCELLED	Brown Co. Fairgrounds DePere	Foxtrotters
July 13th - 17th	FCRV National Campvention VIRTUAL	Brigden Fairgrounds Brigden, Ontario, Canada	Region 7 Eastern Canada
Aug 5th - 9th	Great Lakes Regional RESCHEDULED TO 2021	North Park, Shipshewana, IN	Indiana State Association
Aug 21st - 23	Harnischfeger Park	Ixonia	Wis-Cows
Sept 11- 14	Cliffside Park	Racine	Wis-Cows
Oct 23rd - 26	Ledge 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
2020		
February 1st	Benny's Café, Milwaukee	WisCows
April	TBA	BSA President & Members
June 7th - 9th	Brown Co Fairgrounds DePere (CANCLLED)	Foxtrotters
August	TBA	BSA President & Members
November	TBA	BSA President & Members