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Time for the Fall Invitational!

2020 Fall Invitational Campout

October 2, 3, 4.

Mask-arade

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Johnson County Park
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(See information on page 7)

ANNIVERSARIES TO BE CELEBRATED

The Fall Invitational is the time when Indiana FCRV celebrates all those who, individually or as a Chapter, have reached landmark anniversaries of membership in our camping organization. State Director Angie Shaneyfelt sent the CHATTER a list of chapters which are still "on the books" and meeting one of the five-year anniversary celebrations (see page 6).

It is obvious to most that the majority of these chapters, many whose names are not even remembered these days, are no longer active. Reviewing the list, however, gives evidence of how large and widespread NCHA/FCRV once was. What stories could be told of all those who enjoyed the fun, fellowship and friendship around their campfires? What stories could we be passing on to future FCRVers about our own celebrations?

There was a time when the CHATTER contained a multi-page section called "Chapter Chatter." The chapter secretaries would send in reports of their club activities to share with others, giving testimony to the value of coming together around the campfire. These reports helped connect us with one another and inspire others to want to share in the fun! Perhaps they could be reinstated and encouraged!

We **congratulate** those persons and chapters who are celebrating their histories at the Fall Invitational, and look forward to sharing with you the future of FCRV. **Thank you** for your fidelity to those principals that have made friends of strangers and family of friends!



Mask Decorating Station

Come to the Mask-arade!

FRIDAY Night during Hospitality we will have supplies to decorate your masks set up at stations (social distanced of course).

Paper surgical masks will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own mask to decorate! We will be wearing our masks for the MASK-arade Ball on Saturday! Can't wait to see your decorated masks!!!

Paige Longberry
Vice President





From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

I am looking forward to seeing many at the Johnson County Park. The Trustees have a fun weekend planned. Come and enjoy the "Maskerade"

Again, I am stressing to all our Indiana members to call Shipshewana North Campground to make your reservation for the Great Lakes Regional next August. We will probably fill up this campground, so call today and make your reservation.

Also, the Campvention next year is in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. It's not a far trip, so plan on attending. If you have any questions regarding the Regional or the Campvention, please don't hesitate to ask myself or Ed (he's been around a lot longer than me...he is older and also grew up in the organization, I just married into it).

Short and sweet article before our last state campout of the year.

Hopefully you will get in another fall campout with your club, family or even yourself before you have to winterize the camper.

See you soon,

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Hopefully, most of you will be at or going to the Fall Invitational at Johnson County Park when you read this. The trustees have a fun filled weekend scheduled.

We will be setting the dates for next year's campouts at the Fall Invitational so think about hosting one of the 2 weekends as a club or individual.

Indiana is hosting regional next year and I know Angie is planning a fun long weekend. She is also going to need help so if asked please don't say no.

Make your plans for Elkhorn, Wisconsin, for Nationals next July as we are trying something different. We are sharing our week with the fairgrounds with their rib fest event. We will have our own designated area for watching the bands and free admittance to all the events at the festival. More about this in the future.

Congratulations to all the members and chapters that received awards. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Until next fire,

Ed Shaneyfelt



Happy Halloween

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Robert "Bob" Sanders



11/25/1931-8/24/2020

Robert E. "Bob" Sanders, 88, of Bloomington passed away on Monday, August 24, 2020 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Bob was born on November 25, 1931, in Bloomington, Indiana, the son of Reggie Lee and Fern Lorine (Mood) Sanders. He was a 1951 graduate of Bloomington High School. Bob married Betty Louise Hendrick on May 8, 1951 in Bloomington. They were happily married for 69 years.

Bob was a US Navy Veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Bob worked for the Bloomington Fire Department for 24 years until he retired in 1985.

He was a member of the McDoel Baptist Church in Bloomington, Monroe County Masonic Lodge #22F&AM, and the Traveling Turtles Camping Club (NCHA/FCRV) in Bloomington. He enjoyed camping mostly in Indiana and Illinois, collecting coins and stamps, and woodworking. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife, Betty L. Sanders of Bloomington, daughter Vickie (Greg) Winks of Bloomington, and son Lee (Judi) Sanders of Indianapolis, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents and one brother, Billy Sanders.

A private graveside service was held at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monroe county Humane Society. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

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Patti Thieme

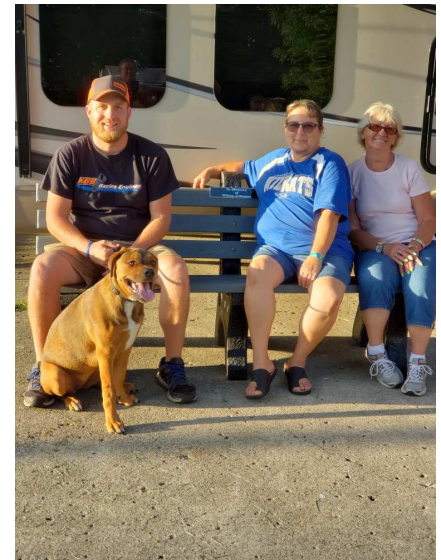
I wanted to thank everyone that donated plastic lids/caps over the past few years. Brenda Simmons was able to purchase 2 benches with all the caps that was collected. One of the benches has a plaque in Memory of her mother, Wilma Johnson and the other will be in memory of Mike Simmons (Brenda husband & James father). Brenda & James brought both benches to our Summer camp out at Summit Lake. Thanks for bringing them to share with us (they were not light!!!!).

Please **keep collecting** the lids/caps as there are many organizations that are always collecting for benches. If you know of an organization that is collecting, please let me know. There is a list of the acceptable caps on this page, please make note of those. If in doubt, bring them along and I'll make sure we can use them!

On another side note, especially for newer members...I also collect the pop (or whatever can) tabs that we take to the Riley Hospital every year. So please bring them to me also.

Thanks again for all the caps in the past and also to collecting more caps and tabs!

Patti Thieme



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Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV
 Youth and Teen Director
 Misty Stuckswisch

Chapter Chatter

Fall came – overnight I think! It amazes me how fast the year seems to fly by sometimes and creeps the others.

As we prepare to enjoy our last official State campout of the year, I am reminded how much nicer the fire feels in October than it does in July! Some years it has felt like the middle of summer for our fall invitational and others we fear the flakes may fall before the campers roll out!

2020 has been a year of changes for everyone. I know I am looking forward to getting back to a somewhat normal schedule next season, although what that normal may look like is yet to be determined!

Looking forward to 2021, there are many people behind the scenes already working hard on our next Campvention! If you would like to volunteer, now is the time to step up. Ed & Angie would appreciate the help I am sure and there is always work to be done. My committee & I will be hosting the Queen’s Ball and I know I will need help there too. I am already planning and prepping for the success of that event!

Throughout the winter months don’t stop collecting the bottle caps and aluminum pop tabs! If you didn’t see the wonderful bench made in memory of Mike Simmons, I am sure Brenda has a picture she can share with you. It looks like it came out great, a wonderful tribute for Mike! I have been recycling the jumbo coffee cans from work and filling them with bottle tops. They fill up fast!

October is traditionally our month to bring together all the items we have collected for Riley Children’s hospital also. I had the honor to be a part of that drop off last year and must say, it was truly an honor. Patti works hard all year long to make an impact on the lives of these kids. Bring your toys, school supplies, pop tabs, puzzles, blankets, backpacks, and just about anything else you can think of for kids to Patti and she will get it to them!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the fall campout! We will have a scavenger hunt and craft. Till we camp again,

Misty



The Coffee Pot Campers met at White River Campground in Cicero and held their meeting on Saturday, September 19.

We discussed our 25th anniversary celebration to be held at the state campout in Johnson County Park. We set our schedule for 2021.

Members attending were Richard and Christina Lucas, Brad Davis, Harlan and Bernice Nigh, and Melvin and Nancy Coy.

Melvin Coy,
 Secretary

2021 Coffee Pot Campers Camp Meet Schedule

May TBA	Spring State Campout	
June 24-27	Johnson County Park 2949 E. North St. Box 246 Franklin, IN 46131	Reservations: 812-526-6809 Suggest sites 1-16
July	National Campvention	
August 3-8	Regional Campout Shipshewana North	
August TBA	Summer State Campout	
August 27-29	Spring Mill State Park	Reservations after March 1
September 16-19	White River Campground 11299 E. 234th St. Cicero, IN 46034	Reservations 317-770-4430
September 29- October 1	TBA (Retiree Campout)	
October 1-3	TBA (Fall Invitational)	

All information subject to change

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Nat'l #	Name	Location	Chartered
537	NEIGHBORLY CHOW HOUNDS	CLAY COUNTY	1/6/1965
545	RESTLESS ROVERS reorganized as #3799	SOUTH BEND remained active from this date	1/26/1965
546	JENNINGS ROADRUNNERS	JENNINGS COUNTY	1/26/1965
551	BOONE BUG BEATERS	BOONE COUNTY	2/6/1965
552	COFFEE-CUP CAMPERS (09-23-65)	FOUNTAIN, WARREN CO'S	2/6/1965
555	HUB NUTS	FOUNTAIN CENTRAL	2/11/1965
587	KOSCIUSKO KUT UPS	WARSAW	3/13/1965
604	NI-SWI-SIPPI	ALLEN COUNTY	3/30/1965
609	LITTLE TURTLE TRAILSEEKERS	WHITLEY COUNTY	4/6/1965
614	HOOSIER HILL BILLYS	COLUMBUS	4/13/1965
615	C.A.M.P	CALUMET	4/13/1965
619	KRAZY QUILT KAMPERS	CONNERSVILLE	4/16/1965
652	TREE CITY CAMPERS	GREENSBURG	5/10/1965
670	HOOSIER WEAK-N-DERS	TIPPECANOE COUNTY	5/27/1965
673	SUGAR CREEKERS	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	5/29/1965
675	CLIFTY CAMPERS	MADISON	6/5/1965
700	RICHMOND RAMBLIN ROSES	RICHMOND	7/3/1965
718	WABASH CANNONBALLS	VINCENNES	8/12/1965
732	KNOB KNOCKERS	EDWARDSVILLE AREA	9/20/1965
749	GLOWING EMBERS (1-71)	GREATER WHITELAND	10/28/1965
752	HEART CITY ROAMERS	ELKHART	11/1/1965
753	NOBLE CHAIN LINKS	NOBLE	11/1/1965
770	HOOSIER CAMP-A-LOTS	BARGERSVILLE AR4EA	11/27/1965
1952	ATHENIANS	BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY	1/24/1970
2024	SILVER CREEK CAMPERS	SELLERSBURG	4/1/1970
2044	W.E.CAMPERS	AUBURN	4/14/1970
2113	CHRISTIAN CAMPERS	LA PORTE COUNTY	6/8/1970
2114	BLUFFTON WHEELERS	WELLS COUNTY	6/8/1970
2139	HOOSIER CHIPMUNKS	WHITE COUNTY	7/28/1970
2183	NORTH WEST PIONEERS	NW MARION COUNTY	10/10/1970
2186	HOOSIER CLOD-HOPPERS	MITCHELL	10/19/1970
2217	HOOSIER SNOOZERS	UNION COUNTY, LIBERTY	11/30/1970
2224	CHAPARRALS	INDIANAPOLIS	12/5/1970
3149	SWEET OWEN CAMPERS (SOC'S)	INDIANA	2/1/1975
3150	CALUMET RETIREES ON WHEELS	INDIANA	2/1/1975
3158	COVERED BRIDGE CAMPERS	PARKE COUNTY	2/24/1975
3173	STAR LIGHTERS	WASHINGTON	4/12/1975
3551	HILLTOPPERS	HARRISON COUNTY	1/5/1980
3573	DON'T HAVES	PUTNAM COUNTY	4/9/1980
3590	CAST A WAYS	HARRISON COUNTY	6/26/1980
3594	SINGLE CAMPERS	WAYNE COUNTY	7/8/1980
3599	GOLDEN AGE RETIREES	CENTRAL INDIANA	8/20/1980
3610	COASTERS RETIREE	FT. WAYNE DIST.3	11/22/1980
3611	WANDERING HOBOS	MARION COUNTY	11/22/1980
3925	KENTUCKY COLONELS & FRIENDS	INDIANA	10/24/1995
3926	COFFEE POT CAMPRES	JOHNSON COUNTY	10/24/1995
4036	CAMPFIRE AGITATORS	INDIANA	7/9/2015



2020 Fall Invitational Campout

Mask-arade

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Johnson County Park

2949 North Street, Nineveh, IN 46164

- Please contact Johnson County Park at the number listed above to reserved your site for the 2020 Fall Invitational, October 2, 3, 4. Tell them you are with FCRV.
- Email Valerie Semper at valeriesemper@hotmail.com and let her know what site number you have. Name and site number are all we need to know.
- If you want to mail in the pre-registration (form below) fee, you can put a **\$10.00** check in the mail payable to **Indiana FCRV**:

Valerie Semper
 10202 N 472 E
 DeMotte, IN 46310

Write Fall Invitational 2020 in the memo line on the check.

Johnson County Park has 58 perfect camping sites for your camper or RV, complete with showers, restrooms, playgrounds and community campfire.

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Name _____

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Site # _____

Great Lakes Regional Campout

August 5-8, 2021

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You will need to CALL the campground and make your own reservation

www.shipshewanacampgroundnorth.com you can review sites

then call 260-768-7770 and let them know you are with FCRV

There are only 52 sites total. Do not miss you chance to camp with us!

Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground

5970 North State Road 5, Shipshewana IN, 46565

Ph: (260) 768-7770

Pre-registration

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Site Number: _____ Number of Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth _____

Nights attending

___ Tues (Early Bird) ___ Wed (Early Bird) ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat

Activity fee - \$20 Activity fee at gate will be - \$25

Please make checks payable to: Indiana FCRV State Director
Memo line: 2021 Regional

Send pre-registration to: Angie Shaneyfelt
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Decatur, IN 46733

If you book a site and are not mailing in the Activity Fee at this time,
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and let me know your name and site number, so we will have you on our list. Thanks.

PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE APPLICATION HAS BEEN CORRECTED FROM PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED FORM!

A PRAYER BEFORE OUR ELECTIONS

We are approaching our National and local elections. There are differences in opinions that are heatedly argued, and there are understandable tensions created. These prayers transcend the politics and debates and focus on what is most important. Though offered for the 2016 elections, they are as meaningful, or even more so, in 2020.

(Intercessions and Prayers for the U.S. Elections 2016 from the Diocese of San Jose)

Let us pray for the world and all its leaders. (Silence)

May the leaders of nations have the courage to walk the path of peace together so that the most vulnerable in their lands may live with dignity and hope.

Let us pray for our nation in this time of discernment, election, and transition (silence)

May all citizens cast their vote in a spirit of reverence for this right, charity for those they disagree with, and concern for the good of all as we strive for a more perfect and peaceful union.

Let us pray for all Christians and people of faith and goodwill (silence)

May the Father of all grant us in Christ's spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel, and knowledge, fortitude, right judgement, patience, and kindness, as we discern what is good and just and follow our conscience.

Let us pray for all candidates who desire to serve in our national and local government (silence).

May all seeking election commit themselves to the common good and encourage a peaceful response so that our nation may be faithful to its pledge of liberty and justice for all.

Let us pray for our presidential candidates (silence).

May those who seek the immense responsibility of the highest office of the United States know the peace that comes from God alone. May they and their families be protected from harm, the hearts of their opponents be softened by mercy, the people they seek to lead show them respect, and may God forgive them and each of us our faults.

Let us pray for reconciliation among families and friends divided (silence).

May we learn to love each other despite our differences and focus on the work that continues beyond the election: the work of unity, respect for one another and for all life, and peace in our land.

Let us pray for the ones most affected by the choices we make (silence).

In all we do, may we keep the merciful face of Christ ever before us who is seen in those who are poor, refugees, or migrants, those who are sick or without homes, those without food or meaningful work, those unborn and those whose lives are undervalued.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

International Events

Retiree Rally 2021

Mineola, Texas
March 22-28, 2021

Campvention 2021

Elkhorn, Wisconsin
July 11-16, 2021
Hosted by the National Trustees

Great Lakes Regional Events

Regional Campout 2021

Shipshewana North Campground
See registration form in the CHATTER
August 5-8, 2021
(Early Days August 3-4, 2021)

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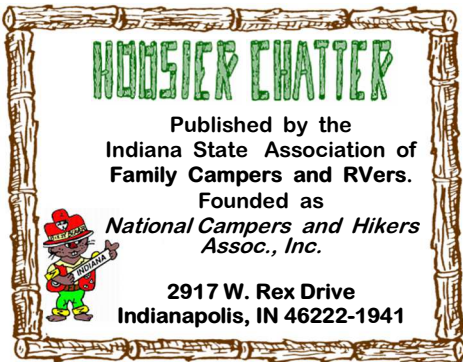
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