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President's Message:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

Just spent a very nice extended weekend at a Dodge County Park, Ashippun, with some of my family and the WISCOW's. Nice park, (as usual from Dodge County), small, (6 total RV sites plus 4 tent only sites) nice play grounds, and 2 open air shelters, and some nice walking paths. (And a dump station) Judie & I got there on Wednesday after-

noon with 2 two of our grandsons. A nice quiet small park close by.

SECOND REQUEST: In the last Banner, I asked for some suggestions for a time and place for the **next Badger State** meeting. If you remember those present (via ZOOM, 4 WISCOW family's and one 'unaffiliated')

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Great Labor
Day
Weekend!
Be Safe &
Stay Healthy!

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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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at the June meeting **did not** elect new officers as per the BSA bylaws. Both President and Vice-President were to be elected. President from the Foxtrotters and Vice- President from the WISCOWs. To date, I **have not** received any suggestions. Again, if there is anyone interested in keeping the Badger State operating, **PLEASE** step up to the plate and make a suggestion.

The reason it is important to elect a new President, is that at the last WISCOW meeting, I informed then that Judie & I were **giving up camping and our RV at the end of this season.** We are both getting to the

stage in life, (even through we enjoy camping with our friends) that we feel the need to change directions. There are several reasons, simply put, we feel safer and before we become a statistic, we both feel this is the right decision.

So, at the end of this year, I will resign my position as President of Badger State and most likely not renew our membership of Family Campers and RVers. Believe me, it has been a pleasure to be a member of FCRV. We made many friends, and will miss their friendship.

**MAY YOUR TRAVELS BE MANY
AND SAFE!**

State Director's Message

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

Well, not much has happened in the state with the Covid-19 virus causing the cancelations of many, many activities. Including some fun filled campouts, Winter Rally, our Get Acquainted campout, the State Campvention and National Campvention. Yet, National went virtual and many of us viewed it on You Tube and Face-Book. The Shoe box parade was done like the Rose Parade complete with commercial breaks. It may still be up on the national web site for viewing

After the stay at home was lifted (some say too soon) we ventured out to a campground. It was safe we believe. Then the trailer was parked for 2 months. Lesson learned empty your hot water heater before letting it sit for two months and some hot days. It might come out smelling like rotten eggs after those two months if you hooked up to the water at the campground. I need to re-sanitize our lines tomorrow to see if I can get that smell out of the tank.

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STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Continued)

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

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You can keep water in your fresh-water tank but, not for extended periods of time like that I have discovered. It did not smell so that was good, but, always drain and refill at intervals. After 2 months we ventured up to Portage County to Collin County park. It was a very nice park and if one did not catch fish off the pier there, it was not far to another lake we could fish from shore. So we explored other county parks with camping in Portage County and we found 4 more and fishing was very close, but not much better.

Connie Black our new regional director wants to have a state director meeting in November so if you have any concerns you want me to bring to her attention, please send me an e-mail. Our Quacker meeting in Fort Wayne was canceled due to the virus. I am not sure I'm ready to camp out of state or go to a Hotel so I will be joining her Zoom meeting.

Wis Cows had a campout at a new (for us) county park north of Oconomowoc and it was very nice, right along the Rock River. Even

though there was Mini Golf, Trails to hike, Canoes or Kayaks to rent, we ended up catching up with everyone, and eating! I got a tour of the park and they have many exciting plans for the future. We thought maybe someone from Foxtrotters might drive over or down for a fall BSA meeting but, nope. Wis Cows had their semi-annual meeting. They are still planning on having their Sept Campout at Cliffside Cty Park the 11-13 of September, if you want to come you may have to try for a first come first served site on the east end. Paul and JoAnn said the reserve sites were booked up. They may come early (Wed, or Thursday) to get a site on the east side. October 2-4 is a 2021 Campvention weekend at Walworth County Fairgrounds to lay out sites and building usage. All those that want to get on a committee, chairmen and Co-chairmen/women are welcome to join us, just let me know you are coming.

Later in October 23-25 we are going to try to go to the Ledge Cty park when the Foxtrotters usually have a campout there and try to get in a

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STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Continued)

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

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BSA meeting. Not sure if they are planning a Chili Dump or Stew Boil but, that should be fun. I believe our President reached out to them for confirmation but, as of this weekend he has not heard back from anyone in that Chapter. Maybe we'll just "Stew" about it for a month or two. I know Judi Camp is around, she sent an email looking for my article, but, I haven't seen Jim or her for two years. We hope they are all well and safe from the virus.

Day weekend, will be just that, if many of the committee chairman and their helpers show up to see the grounds and have last minute meetings to get all their ducks in a row. We could use every member in Wisconsin to chip in and help us out on this big event coming up July 11-17 with As of right now the Winter Rally in Mineola, TX March 23-29th is still on schedule to take place if you want to join us down there. I will let you know hopefully in advance if it gets canceled with that state having a large surge of the virus happening now. I have a feeling some of the winter snowbirds may have altered their

plans because of the virus, not to mention the normal Flu season. I am thinking the Get Acquainted Campout next Memorial early bird days being the 9 and 10th of 2021. Mark it on your calendars now so you can plan on being there!

The Regional in Shipshewana, IN is still on you need to make your own reservations look for the registration form elsewhere in the Banner for the number you need to call, or web site. That will be the first weekend in August, and early bird days if you want to take in the Giant Flea market is Tuesday-3rd and Wednesday-4th with Regional running Thursday-5th – Sunday-8th. That should be a fun time. For those of you that need to put in for vacation by the end of the year those are some dates you may want to put down.

Stay Healthy and Camp Safe!



Chapterter News

Foxtrotter News

Dahle Enneper

Hope your summer has be filled with lots of memories and camping. Unfortunately life has thrown us lots of curveballs so our camper is still winterized and not sure when it will see a campsite. I for one will be glad when 2020 is over.

On another note, I would definitely recommend going up to Marquette and Houghton, Michigan for a get away. It is a beautiful place and lots to see. Saw lots of waterfalls and

can't wait to go back and explore Calumet, Michigan. At one time, there were over 40,000 people living there working in the copper mines. Would highly recommend reading "The Women of Copper Country" by Mary Dora Russell.

Hope to see all soon.

(Note: See pictures on pages 7 & 8)



WISCOWS MOO NEWS

Tricia Chartier

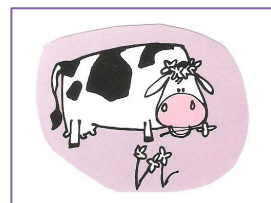


We were camping at Harnischfeger Park Aug 21- 23rd and this is how we do potluck on Saturday night.

September 11th - 13th finds us back at Cliffside which we really love. They have large grassy site. Reservation are booked, try calling, they do have some walk-in, again called to check on it.

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

Tricia Chartier President of WISCOWS,
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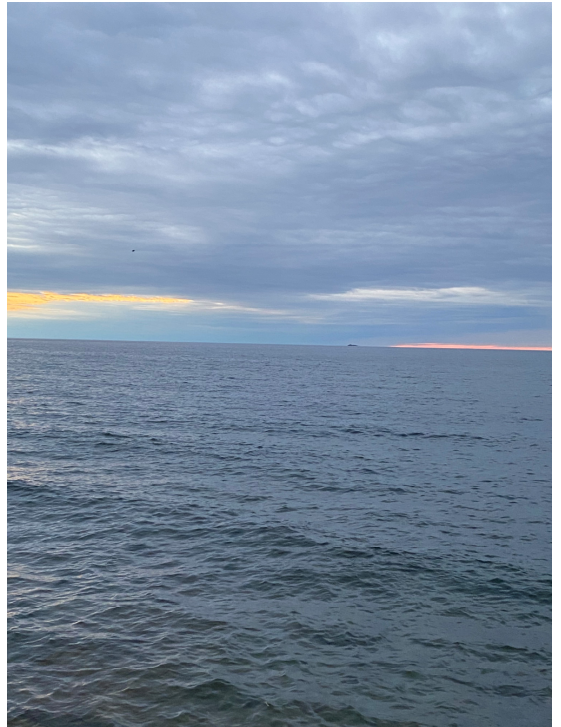
Scenes from Calumet, Marquette and Houghton, Michigan

Taken by Dahle Enneper



Scenes from Calumet, Marquette & Houghton, Michigan (Continued from page 7)

Taken by Dahle Enneper



Program News

Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training (DASAT)

Art Kruegel

Summer, beautiful summer. So far, so good. Been mild, (today one of just a few above 90 degree days. No major storms in SE Wisconsin. Just that other little thing affecting us. What is it, **COVID19** or something. I have been asked a few times if I personally know anybody infected by it. The answer is that I do not know anybody infected by it, but I know a lot of people *affected* by it.

Lets start with myself being **affected**. Had the 5th wheel out a grand total of **once** this summer. (That was last weekend with the WISCOW's) Hoping to get out at least twice more this season. I am getting fairly good at grocery shopping. My wife is ordering the weekly supply 'on-line', and I get to pick up the order, and occasionally actually get to shop and get a few missed items. Forget about eating out, did that once for my wife's birthday. We have not been inside a church building since March 11. My older sister passed away on March 11, and we were able to have the memorial on August 1st. I also have a lot of friends 'affected' by being laid off from their job, had their working hours reduced, or extended (mandatory over-time) told they can not visit family in a hospital, told they can not have their

'elected' surgery, (joint replacement) Enough about problems.

How are **you** doing? Yah, the mask thing is a pain for everyone. (Can't tell you how many times I have had to go back to my truck and get my mask!) But I got to say, if it helps get (and keeps) COVID19 under control, it is a small price to pay. (In my opinion)

Got to say, I have never been in a pandemic. Hope and pray I never do again. And I say that without being 'infected'. Got one more item. I told the WISCOWs that this will be Judie and my last season of camping. We do enjoy camping, and have made many friends. We just feel it is time for us to change directions. Effective the end of this year, I will resign my position as DASAT trainer.

Like I told my manager at the airline when I retired when she asked what I was going to do. My answer, (both then and now) was we are not sure, but for sure it will not be sitting in a rocking chair.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my ideals on safety and some of my goofs. I hope they helped in some small way.

Hoping all will have many safe and enjoyable travels.

IS BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION STILL RELEVANT?

by Jan Cushing

Over the last several years it has become more difficult to hold an association meeting. We are down to only two chapters and unaffiliated members. With this small number we need both chapters or one chapter and at least one unaffiliated member to meet the quorum in order to conduct the business of the association.

We used to have five meetings a year. Because some members did not like to attend meetings, we reduced the number of meetings to three and added two fun outings in place of the meetings. Lately, even the outings have fallen by the wayside the last couple of years. Is there any desire to continue?

In my opinion we have two options: change the by-laws or dissolve the association. I would rather not dissolve the association. To that end I have come up with changes to the by-laws that give each member family a vote rather than voting by chapter. Quorums would be based on the number of families in the Badger State Association.

In order to change the by-laws all members need to be notified of the intent to change the by-laws, what the changes are, and the date of the meeting to vote on the proposed changes.

WHEN AND WHERE CAN SUCH A MEETING BE SCHEDULED?

DICK WISBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Jan Cushing

	Balance		Balance
<u>Savings Balance - Jan. 1, 2020</u>	3,264.72	<u>CD Balance - Jan. 1, 2020</u>	6,096.79
January	0.14	Interest	
February	0.13	Jan - May	134.02
March	0.14	Interest YTD	<u>134.02</u>
April	0.13	Total CD Balance	6,230.81
May	0.14	Total Balance	9,496.48
June	0.13		
July	<u>0.14</u>		
Total Interest YTD	0.95		
Total Savings Balance	3,265.67		



October 23-26, 2020 WIS-COW Campout



Ledge Park-Dodge County Park
N7403 Park Road, Horicon

Friday Campfire

Saturday

Happy Hour 1 p.m. (Light Lunch)
We are starting early
Bring an appetizers or snacks

Dinner Potluck 6:30 pm
Please bring a meat dish & another side dish to pass.
Salad, Veggie or Dessert Dish

Saturday Night Campfire

Sunday Brunch
10 am
Bring a dish or two to share



Note: Times are subject to change



Happy Birthday!



Faith Zittlow	September 9th
Marty Maciejewski	September 18th
Art Kruegel	September 20th
Kip Cushing	October 3rd
Nancy Gittel	October 14th
Sarah Cincotta	October 16th
Phil Coffey	October 19th

Happy Anniversary!



Faith & Gabe Zittlow	September 27th
Kip & Jan Cushing	October 26th

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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