



Badger Banner



Wisconsin's Badger State Association of Family Campers and RVers, founded as National Campers & Hikers Association.

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*May you have a
Very Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!*



President's Message:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

So, how was your camping year? Everything go okay? Explore some new campgrounds that you have not been to before. Maybe been to a familiar few campgrounds? Judie & I can honestly say 'yes' to these questions, even through we did not start our camping year until mid August. Not to brag, we only camped 4 times this year, once in August, twice in September and once in October. Not very active, but we enjoyed them all. We hope all Badger



State Members enjoyed at least some camp outs this year.

But now, some other news that is not so good to hear. There was a special called virtual Badger State Association meeting in November. (And I apologize for the confusion at the start on the virtual meeting. No excuses, I just did not get it right!) My thanks to Dahle, Kip and Jan & Tricia for their help. Anyway, after some discussion, a motion was made,

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Final Note from the Publisher

Well, our time for the Banner has come to a close.

Betty Trusky once told me a story about the early days of the Badger Banner. After Betty received the minutes, reports and articles from the BSA members in the mail, she would type up the articles on her manual typewriter and then she would copy the Banner on a mimeograph machine. When that process was finished, she and Frank and other BSA members would staple the Banner together. Each envelope would be typed with each members name and address. Then the envelopes were stuffed and stamps would be adhered to them. Next the envelopes would be sorted by zip code and rubber banded in bundles to go to the post office to be sent out. Many long days and nights were spent on producing the Badger Banner.

It has come a long way from the early beginnings of the Banner and now we no longer send out the Banner by snail mail. We are in the digital age, where everyone can keep in contact by mere seconds with email and social media. So What's Next? Only Time Will Tell What the Future Holds.

I would like to Thank all the Past Editors and Publishers and All the Members who put in many long hours over the years to make the Banner a success and worth reading. It has been challenging, fun & entertaining to put the Badger Banner together. I was the lucky one to be able to read the articles first before they were published and sent out to our members. May the future of camping continue to flourish and may your days be many around the campfire.

Judi Camp

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President’s Message (continued from page 1)

Art Kruegel, BSA President

discussed, and passed to suspend the Badger State Association. There were several reason given, including apparent lack of interest in the BSA. (Low attendance at meetings and camp outs, little or no interest in being a BSA officer, loss of overall membership in the state FCRV.) There are answers to these reasons, and hopefully the Badger State Association will return in the future. There was a second motion made and passed, see the Recording Secretary report for that motion.

So now what? Well, hopefully FCRV will stay active in the state. The two active chapters, (Foxtrotters and WISCOW’s) should stay active and have regular meetings and planned camp outs. All members to the formal BSA are welcome to join any and all of their planned outings and

meetings. The State Director will have a regular newsletter that will be shared via e-mail or other electronic means. The National newsletter, (Camping Today) will still be available to all FCRV membership. All members will be eligible to attend any and all National Campventions. There just will not be a state association for the immediate future.

So with the above news, I want to thank all who helped the BSA ‘alive’ for a long time and those that contributed to that effort. It is just time to move on.

Judie & I wish all
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a **HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

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

November 24, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Wisconsin

BSA special meeting
 Called to order at 7:10 pm
 Pledge said
 Meeting was call to deactivate the BSA we decided to disband
 Motion made by Tricia; 2nd by Marty
 Effective 12/31/2020

 Discussion on money left in treasury we have **5,130.26**, that money will be equally divided between the FCRV National Wildlife fund and the FCRV National Scholarship Fund
 Motion made by Dahle 2nd by Tricia
 Motion carried

 One more Badger Banner
 Kip would like a slate of all camp outs when decided

Adjournment Tricia and Marty At 7:43 pm

Treasurers Report - June 2020 Badger Banner

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

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

State Director's Message

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

Thank You to everyone who made the Badger State Association (BSA) meeting on Zoom Nov. 24th.

And a **Special Thank You** to Art Kruegel for being President of BSA over the past few years and getting this meeting set up on Zoom. Also for being our Director for DASAT, giving us numerous RV safety and health tips in the Badger Banner. WELL DONE! He ran a very good important meeting keeping us on track and covering all the necessary issues and questions.

Another huge **Special Thanks** needs to go out to Judi Camp who has been our editor and publisher of the Badger Banner for many years! Next time you see Judi on the campground or around Kiel, be sure and say Thank You for doing the Badger Banner and Banner Special Editions!! Heck send her a e-mail to let her know she has been appreciated so much. And by keeping us linked with chapter articles, campouts, and event schedules. Not to mention Birthday and Anniversary dates for all our members. WoW a great job so WELL DONE JUDI !!

It was determined our membership did not warrant keeping the Badger State Association Chapter of NCHA (dba FCRV). A vote was taken after discussion to disband that chapter and all present voted yes, none-opposed. The date of disbandment was set to be December 31, 2020. After more than 45-50 years, the many chapters, hundreds of past and present members, have made up the Badger State Association Chapter. We are down to 30 member families, two chapters, and 12-16 active camping families.

It was also voted to take the monies from the general fund and divide them equally between the Hank Nathan FCRV Scholarship fund, and the FCRV Wildlife Fund, following guidelines in the constitution for disbandment. Those funds are non-profit 501C3 funds and managed by Edward Jones Financial Group and monitored by the FCRV Comptroller. All the property was turned over to the State Director earlier this year and will be disposed of as seen fit. The laptop computer that is used for the Badger Banner after the last issue will be turned over to Ennepers for proper electronic disposal, as it is outdated.

I will do a Newsletter to keep everyone up to date on Wisconsin FCRV activities and events. I will need campout schedules from both chapters for next year when they become available for insurance purposes. I will then

STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Continued)

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

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put them in my newsletter to let new members join us. As of this message the jury is still out regarding the Retiree Rally in Mineola, TX in March. I will pass that information to you as soon as it becomes available. Normally I cover the RV Show in Milwaukee but have not received any word if it will be held. I plan on having the Get Acquainted Campout over Memorial Day Weekend in Elkhorn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds if permitted. There is a on grounds Campvention committees planning campout the first weekend of May, April 30th- May-2nd. If you would like to be involved let me know. Regional is still on for Aug. 4-8 early day is 3rd, at Shipsawana North Campground Lodge and cabins, make your own reservations, its filling fast. National Campvention is still on track for July so mark your calendars and get your registration in now, save \$30 if in by Dec 31. Registration Forms can be found on-line at www.fcrv.org in Newsletters/ Camping Today or in this Banner.

If you know of a RV Dealer having a show or open house and want to put out some membership forms and you don't have any, just send an e-mail and I will get them out to you. I started a membership drive on my own during the shut-down by leaving memberships at homes with trailers in the driveways. I also handed them out at campgrounds and we now have three new members. So, go for it the more the merrier.

Kip Cushing

Wisconsin FCRV State Director

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From Jan and Kip, May you all have a safe, healthy and Joyous Holiday Season!



Chapter trotter News

Foxtrotter News

Dahle Enneper



As this year draws to a close, we all are thankful for what we have been given.

Yes it's been a different year but, some of us were able to get away and enjoy the beautiful nature that surrounds us. We are all thankful for that.

Also for good friends and family that support us in all we do.

Our wish for you for 2021 is health, success, and good times with friends and family.

Wishing all a Wonderful and Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed New Year!

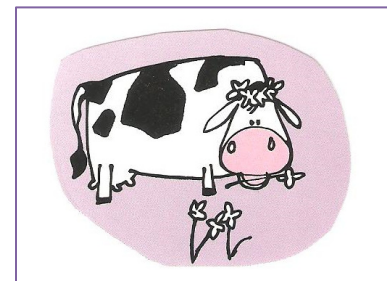


WISCOWS MOO NEWS

Trisha Chartier

To get the 2021 WisCows Camping Schedule, Email or Contact Tricia.

Tricia Chartier
President of WISCOWS,
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Program News

Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training (DASAT)

Art Kruegel

Our official start of camping this year was in mid August. We did manage to get four outings in this year. (Plus one of our sons borrowed the 5er for a weekend near Blue Mounds in July) But, we did enjoy the outings. We attended the WISCOW summer meeting, keeping our 6' distance from each other (of course). Even had a joint share a dish meal with everyone bringing a dish to share, and all (of course) brought their own utensils. (of course)

Yah, I am saying everything most of us experienced this summer. *BUT*, that is the 'expected' for this year with COVID19 around. Washing your hands so much you may wash away your finger prints from your fingers. (Just Kidding) Using hand sanitizer that is strong enough to drink! Only going out when absolutely necessary.

Yes, it has been a tough year. And the outlook for the start of next year does not look very good either. Now, this is just my recommendation: Keep on keeping on! Keep on KEEPING 6' APART: Keep on washing your hands OFTEN: Keep on staying AT HOME EXCEPT FOR NECESSARY OUTINGS: (like grocery shopping and medical visits) Wear a MASK when inside any place except you own home.

I know you are most likely as tired of all this as I am. *BUT* the alternative is a lot worse. Beside the virus, there are the jobs that have been lost. Just when it looks like some of the jobs are returning, the number of COVID19 cases increase. The old saying one step forward and two steps backward is still standing tall.

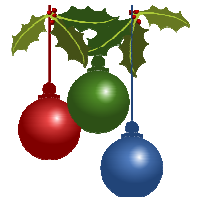
PLEASE, be safe: **PLEASE** follow requested measures from your local health care professionals: **PLEASE** look forward to getting together next year for your camping season.

Judie and I wish everyone to be safe and have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HEALTHY NEW YEAR!



Are you ready to Wander Wisconsin? Well lets Go! #1 in Series



Harnischfeger County Park

Here is a nice little Dodge county park just north of Oconomowoc on Hwy 67 and west of Ashippun off CTH O and Crawfish Rd along the Rock River. Little as in relation to the number of sites for camping – nine. They are back in sites as you can see above. Three are Non-electric tent sites. Yet this campground is 132 acres. It has miles of trails by the river or across the county side. There is 30-amp service with water at select sites and a picnic table and fire ring. The sites are somewhat level, I needed a 2x8 on one side and lowered the front a little. My neighbor just had to push a button and the hydraulics leveled his unit, modern technology!

Getting back to the Park they have a terrific Mini Golf course and a challenging Disk course across the fields and into the woods and around. This year on the mini golf you had to use your own putter, ball, and score card, which was okay with us, I carry some along just in case. And who doesn't have a frisbee in their rig someplace? The playground is huge, one of the trails splits the various rides and slides. (Bring your trusty hand sanitizer to use afterwards). If you are a canoeist or kayaker this is the place for you. The Rock River is a popular place to canoe, used by campers and those that just drive in, with a good entry/exit point. The park has kayaks or canoes to rent. If you carry your canoe you can check the map for entry sites above the campground and float back, or go down river to an exit point on the map. It is a good place to fish with 800' of river frontage and board walks. Our Wisconsin DNR has a Fishing permit for short periods of time for your vacation spent here in Wisconsin.



Shady sites are limited as you can see above. The trails are kept mowed plenty wide for disk golf and hiking in groups. You'll love the Arch on the trail along the river. Don't

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leave the mosquito spray in the rig it might come in handy.! There are two restored barns on the property and a Shed area for antique farm machinery is under construction. There is potable water and a dump station on the entrance road. Showers and flush toilets are available.



Bundles of firewood are available to purchase. As sign says, camping by reservation only so go online Dodge County, Wi and make your reservations and **Wander Wisconsin!**



Are you ready to Wander Wisconsin? Well Let's Go!

#2 Series



Collins County Park – Portage County

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We have moved farther north into the beginnings of NORTH Country. We are a couple of hours north of Harnischfeger Cty Park where we were in last months CT. This little county park is tucked into a corner, as you approach the entrance 2711 Cty I, curves and the park is on the corner. If you are traveling from Elkhorn travel Hwy 12 to Madison and pickup I 90/94/39 N and head for Stevens Point Hwy 66 E to Cty I and watch for signs. If you get to Rosbolt you missed the turn. This area is full of great little county parks with camping. We choose Collins with only 28 sites, blacktop roads, packed crushed Red Granite sites, and lots of shade. It seems like a nice cozy campground. Hardwood and Pine forest make up the camping area with the Lake just a short walk away.



Each site comes with picnic table, fire pit with grate, and electric (20,30,50 Amp). As you pull in to camping area the Restroom building has an outlet for Potable water to fill your tank if you need water before setting up. It was just beautiful we had so much shade I never put the awnings out. Because we are hiker's we were able to walk to the lake to go fishing. A service road splits the campground from the picnic area and ends in park with a loop. The Playground, beach, boat launch, and fishing pier(s) are across this road. If you are traveling with your kayak or canoe the lake is perfect for that entertainment. If you have your bikes with, the scenic 28- mile Tomorrow River State Trail and 26-mile Green Circle trail are nearby. Mountain biking and Disc Golf are an attraction at Standing Rocks County Park close-by. Collins lake has a variety of fish available,

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should you choose the correct lure. At the Office you can get a large bundle of firewood for a campfire to do pugie pies or hot dogs even popcorn. If you are with friend's they have a real nice enclosed pavilion that can be used for meetings or meals. There are picnic tables also under the canopy. Want to see cheese made or get some cheese curds, check out Mullins Cheese in Knowlton. King Cone is another interesting homemade ice cream place to visit! You may also want to check past programs of Stevens Point on www.discoverwisconsin.com for more interesting places to visit nearby and in town.



This area east of the Wisconsin River has some other county parks which we went and checked out. One Campground just west of Collins is on the Plover River forming Jordan Pond and is called Jordan Park. There we did some fishing on the 85 acre pond and landed some 12" perch. The campground did not appear as spruced up as Collins, but it is nice. Lake Emily Park is just east on US 10 from Stevens Point. I think I would camp the south campground if we go again. Yes you are not far from the Wisconsin River that goes through Point. And where have you heard "Point" before? Most stores in the area will have "Point Beer". Collins Lake campground fee's are: \$8 reservation fee, \$24 per night, and if needed \$5 per bundle of wood, and \$3/bag of ice. If you do go biking on the trail there is a \$5 daily pass. Reservations for campsites must be made at least 7 days in advance, and can be submitted up to 11 months in advance. If you decide

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to go after you read this in CT go on line and make your reservations. We were on site 20 which was about 41-55' deep and had plenty room in front of truck. They have 9 sites (large) over 60', 13 sites (medium)41-55' deep, and 5 sites under 40'. There is a list on bulletin board of which sites are which. (I have a copy of that list if your interested!) Check out www.co.portage.wi.us online. Below are pictures from DuBay County Park on the Wisconsin River above Stevens Point, another great clean, neat, campground in Portage County. I believe you will love any of these County Parks as you --



Wander Wisconsin



Merry
Christmas



Happy Birthday!



Debbie Maciejewski	December 16th
Jim Camp	January 10th
Ray Suennen	January 31st

Happy Anniversary!



Bud & Ruth White	December 9th
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AS I SEE IT

By Jan Cushing

At a ZOOM meeting held on November 24, 2020 it was voted on to disband the Badger State Association. The vote was unanimous by those in attendance. The Badger State Association had been a chapter of NCHA/FCRV for over forty years. With membership declining (mostly due to old age) it became apparent that continuing the association was futile. According to the by-laws assets of the association were to be given to non-profit organizations. It was voted to split the funds equally between the Hank Nathan Scholarship Fund of NCHA and the NCHA Wildlife Fund.

What does the disbandment of the Badger State Association mean to the future of Family Campers and Rv'ers in Wisconsin? FCRV will continue to have a presence in the state. Chapters can remain as chapters in FCRV and continue according to chapter by-laws. The state director will remain as state director. The Dick Wisby Memorial Scholarship Fund will stay under the direction of the state director. The Get Acquainted Campout will continue to be held on Memorial Day Weekend at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Members will be updated on events in Wisconsin and FCRV by the state director. Members will continue to receive Camping Today electronically as long as the national office has a current e-mail address. Camping Today can also be accessed on the national website FCRV.org monthly under newsletters.

The 2021 National Campvention will be held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin on July 12-16, 2021 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Early bird days start on July 9. Ribfest starts on July 15 and there is no additional charge to attend. The National Trustees are officially hosting this Campvention. Please register to attend and show that Wisconsin members of FCRV still support the organization.

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2021

**Great Lakes Regional Campout
Shipshewana Campground North
Shipshewana Indiana**
Stitch in Time From Handcrafted Minds

August 4th -
August 8th

Local activities include

There are opportunities to take a buggy ride, view over 30 hand-painted quilt murals on the LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail, go to a dinner theater and watch handcrafted oak and cherry furniture being made. There are over 100 different shops, where you can find everything from handmade crafts and quilts to heirloom quality furniture. Purchase and sample unique foods like jellies, fudge, hand-rolled pretzels, and even Amish-made peanut butter. You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time!

**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
1466 W 750 N
Decatur, IN 46733

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

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!

**The Badger Banner email address to submit articles and information is:
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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 24th	ZOOM	BSA President & Members