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Top 10 Reasons you should attend



By Geoff Stringer

Campvention in Richmond, Indiana is approaching quickly and many of us from Indiana are on the committee to bring you an excellent experience. The promise from this committee is to make this a Campvention to remember and based on the line up of talented entertainment, they're going to succeed.

I want to personally ask you to consider coming to Richmond.

- 1. It's in our HOME state! (I've waited over 40 year to say that.) It is likely going to be the closest Campvention to you for the next 5-7 years.
- 2. If you've never been to a Campvention, you've been missing a fun, incredible part of FCRV. You should check it out at least once... this year... in Richmond.
- 3. If you've been to recent Campventions and missed some of the activities that were omitted, many of them are coming back! The camper decorating contest is one of them and it's going to be fun. Check out Camping Today for more details.
- 4. This is the "three-peat" year for Geoff & Marci running the Teen Center and they're going all out on their last (at least for a bit) Campvention Teen Center. Come and bring your teens! It's going to be a blast.
- 5. I've seen the entertainment line-up and it looks incredible. Jill and Scott from Missouri spent quite a few evenings sampling the local entertainment and have found the cream of the crop! I can't wait to see the comedian on Friday night.
- 6. If the entertainment isn't your cup of tea, there's sure to be something that is. There will be a vendors with food to eat and products to shop. There will be a Family Fun Day with activities galore. There's Adult Games with Ladder Golf, Horseshoes and Cornhole. There's Bingo. There's Seminars!
- 7. The seminars alone make it worth attending... Ray from Wisconsin puts in a lot of time to bring a varied group of seminars. I'm sure he'll be offering dance seminars and cast iron cooking and more.
- 8. There's actually a lot of really neat places to visit nearby. I had no idea how close Richmond is to so much in Indiana and Ohio.
- 9. You'll make new friends! I came home with the best stories from the new people I met in Colorado.
- 10. It's a great chance to relax and enjoy camping



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Here we are already 1 month into 2023. Come on "Camping Season"!

The retiree rally will be March 28-April 2, 2023, at the National Peanut Festival Grounds in Dothan, Alabama. I was planning on attending and taking my mother-in-law (yes we get along), but I can't get that week off work as it's the same as our local school's spring break. This working for a living really interferes with my camping problem!!! If you are able to attend I hope you have a fun and safe trip. I'll watch for picture on the Facebook page for that event hosted by Barb Turner.

The Indiana Spring Campout will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana. Our campout will be in conjunction with the "On-grounds Campvention meeting". So, if you are helping chair a position, or just attending CV this summer, you will be familiar with the grounds and know what buildings will be used for what activities.

You will see the 2 huge buildings that are both air conditioned (and did I say HUGE?) Both buildings will be used for multi-activities. The grounds are very nice. It is a fairgrounds, so you may want to bring a leveling board (which you should have as you're a *camper*). The water source could be a couple spaces away from your unit, please bring a Y and maybe an extra hose (which are probably both in your camper anyway).

The parade theme for the Campvention will be "Great Lakes Rose Bowl". The decision has been

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From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Hopefully we all survived the Holidays without putting on too much extra weight. I'm sure that you all were on Santa's nice list and got what you wanted or needed for Christmas.

It is almost time for us non-snowbirds to plan on getting the rigs ready for camping season. Start making a list of what needs to be done to make it easier when we de-winterize.

The spring campout is still being planned out as it in conjunction with the work weekend April 21-23 at Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond.

The Trustees have approved grounds for the summer camp out, hosted by Mike and Marilyn Rausch and the Retirees on August 11-13. The grounds are the Lazy L Lake Campground. The rate is 35 dollars per night for water and electric. Their address is 545 Lazy Lake Road, Terre Haute, In. 47885. When you call to make your reservation at 812-533-1562 let them know you are with FCRV. Watch the chatter for more info about this campout, I am sure Marilyn is planning a fun time.

Remember that the National Campvention is in Richmond, Indiana, this year and the Fall Invitational is going to be held at Amishville again this year on September29 through October 1.

Hopefully the snowbirds are having fun. And remember guys that February 14 is right around the corner. Make sure to treat that special someone Until next time

Ed Shaneyfelt

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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV Conservation/Wildlife Director Misty Stuckswisch

I would like to cancel my subscription to winter. I tied it; I don't like it. Anyone else want on that list? Oh my, it's really not been that bad of a winter, but January and February can always be a roll of the dice. I prefer to focus on the countdown to spring. Camping is just a few short months away – April can't get here fast enough!

As you start to prep your campers for the coming season, this is a great time to lighten your load. Clear out items you didn't use last season, check expiration dates on items to dispose of and restock things you are out of. As you dig thru things don't forget the "basement" – that is typically where things get hidden away and forgotten about. State camp outs typically have a time where you can set up your items for sale. You might not need 3 water hoses, but your neighbor could be looking for a new one! This is a great way to reduce your load, recycle what you don't need, and let someone else reuse your items!

If you have not thought about Campvention yet, I would encourage you to do so. For our Indiana friends and family, this is a great opportunity to try out the organization, close to home. I can honestly say I have never been to a Campvention that I have not enjoyed. If you are not on a list already to volunteer, talk to Angie Shaneyfelt! Everyone is needed to make this awesome week a success!

Until we camp again,

Misty



Collections Coordinator +



Indiana State Association FCRV
Ronald McDonald House
And Riley Hospital
Collections Coordinator
C.A.M.P. Lady
Patti Thieme

Hi there,

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Good New Year. And as for the New Year I hope that everyone is ready to go camping. I know that I am. So here is a reminder that you can still save the caps, tabs, and anything for Riley Hospital. You can bring them to the work weekend/Spring Campout or to any State Campout.

Here's hoping that everyone is ready for the warmer weather to get out your walking shoes to walk that

mile in April.

Patti Thieme



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,

Welcome to 2023. As camping season draws near, we should get prepared for our third Campvention. But first, after all the Covid Pandemic Stuff, let's celebrate Valentine's Day with hugs and love to all family and friends

As some of you may know, Melvin & Nancy Coy have been through a trial as of late. Barb Turner of FCRV News has reprinted Melvin's email of his wife's Nancy health issues. I ask all who to join in Prayer for the Lord's Healing.

Until the weather warms, the Park opens, and Campfires are lit, May Peace Joy and Health be with us A in Jesus Name. Amen

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It's always good to hear from old friends and to share news about what is happening in each other's lives. To keep in touch or to let people know what is happening in your life, please send a note to the CHATTER editor at hoosierchatter@hotmail.com.

Update on Nancy Coy

Nancy had been doing great with therapy. The therapist had released her because she was doing many things on her own. This was mid December.

Christmas eve she fell and hit her head putting a big hole in her forehead. She went to the hospital for stitches and checkup. Then back to Milner Healthcare.

We went to celebrate our anniversary in Lafayette New Years eve.

January 16 she got sick with her O2 level low. She went back to the emergency room where it was determined she had pneumonia. After a week of IV antibiotics she was put on oral antibiotics and sent back to Milner on January 22.

She is slowly improving, but has a long way to go. **If anyone would care to send her a card** they may send it to her c/o her daughter, Teresa Rathbone, 308 N Plank St., Rossville, IN 46065-9416

Melvin Coy

WANT TO SEND SOMEONE BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS?

We'd love to help you celebrate with a CHATTER recognition. Send the name, date, and occasion to hoosierchatter@hotmail.com

no later than the 28th of the preceding month.

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made to have a campsite decorating contest based on the same theme as the parade. Watch for more info as the Campvention gets closer.

Parking will be straight hobo, which means you will be parked as you arrive. There is a "holding area" across from the fairgrounds with electricity if you arrive after parking closes or if you wish to wait for other campers to camp with. Campers who are not self-contained (no bathrooms!) will be parked as close to restrooms as possible.

As of our last meeting there were 111 registered with 44 of those being first timers!

Door Prizes for Campvention: Last year in Colorado, they asked States to bring a "door prize". This

Update from Petsy Thacker

My husband and I joined NCHA in June, 1972, and Indiana hosted the National Campvention at Camp Atterbury that year. There were 10,000 Units. This was our own little city.

I have so many fond memories of the years we were able to camp with our chapter—the Ivy Diggers. Our Chapter hosted several Spring Campouts at Clark County 4-H fairgrounds next to the Indiana Ammunition Plant in Charleston, IN. Attendance back then was over 400 Units. Unfortunately, membership has gone down, but now are coming back up.

I enjoy reading the CHATTER each month. Most of the members we met are now gone. I am the youngest member of our club and will be 80 in March. Covid stopped our getting to meet for lunch every month. Our current members are Ralph and Marilyn Lee, Betty Rohleder, Alice Pearson, Shirley and Lee Stewart, Walter and Evelyn Tuttle, Bob and Ellen Johnson.



Mike Rausch... February 2 Petsy Thacker... March 1

year we are following the same procedure. If you are shopping and see something that is made in Indiana, or a t-shirt that says Indiana, and Indy car hot wheel, or *whatever* you want to purchase to put in our Indiana Door Prize, that would be great. I will be accepting items for the basket through Campvention.

Make sure on Facebook you have joined <u>FCRV</u> <u>Campvention 2023</u> to keep updated on all issues pertaining to Campvention this year.

That's enough for this month. Until next month's article,

Angie Shaneyfelt

Recipe worth Sharing!

MAPLE COOKIES WITH MAPLE FROSTING

INGREDIENTS (cookies)

1 cup unsalted butter, softened

2 cups granulated sugar

3 eggs

1 cup buttermilk

1/2 tsp salt

1 tsp vanilla extract

2 tsp maple extract

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp baking powder

41/2 cups all purpose flour

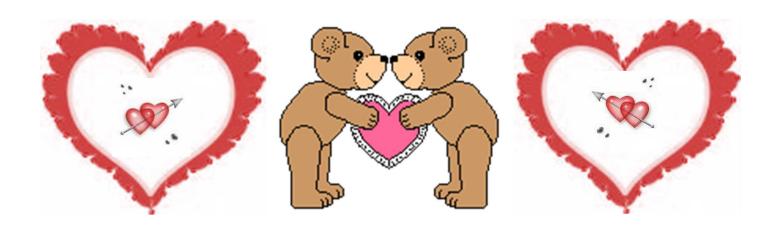
INGREDIENTS (frosting)

1/2 cup unsalted butter 1 cup brown sugar 1/4 cup milk 2 TBSP maple syrup pinch salt 2 cups powdered sugar

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
- 2. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing after each.
- 3. With mier on low, slowly pour in buttermilk, mix till combined.
- 4. Add salt, vanilla extract, maple extract, baking soda, and baking powder. Mix well.
- 5. Add half the flour, mixing until combined. Add rest of flour and mix together.
- 6. Drob dough by 2 TBSP scoops onto parchment-lined baking sheet, 2" apart. Bake for 6-8 minutes. Cookies will be pale in color. Do not overbake.
- 7. Allow cookies to cool a few minutes before transferring to a cooling rack. Cool Completely.

FROSTING

- 1. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and brown sugar. Bring to boil for 2 minutes, whisking constantly.
- 2. Add milk, male syrup, and salt. Boil again for 1 minute, whisking continuously.
- 3. Cool for 15 minutes. Then add powdered sugar, whisking until it reaches a glue-like consistency. If too thick, add milk 1 TBSP at a time.
- 4. QUICKLY spread over cooled cookies. The icing will thicken as it cools. If necessary, add more milk to spread it easily over each cookie.
- 5. Allow frosting to set up before storing in a covered container.





We all want to live independently. One of the greatest threats to independent living is right under our feet... actually, it IS our feet (and everything else that keeps us in balance.)

Over 800,000 patients a year are hospitalized because of a fall injury, 300,000 of those with hip fractures. Falls are also the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries.

Certain conditions make one more likely to fall:

- * Lower body weakness
- * Peripheral neuropathy (numbness or pain)
- Vitamin D Deficiency
- * Certain medications (sedatives, antidepressants, even some over the counter medications).
- * Vision problems
- * Inadequate sleep or poor sleep patterns
- Previous falls (causes anxiety)
- * Home hazards

Broken or uneven steps or flooring Throw rugs or floor clutter

Pets

Poor lighting

Most falls are caused by a combination of risk factors. The more risk factors that one has, the higher the risk of falling.

HOW TO LIMIT THE RISK OF A FALL

- Ask your doctor to help evaluate your fall risk.
- * Ask your pharmacist to review your medications (including your over-the-counter meds) to see if they—or their interactions with each other—could make you at a higher risk of fall.
- * Do exercises that increase your strength and balance.
- * Have regular vision checks. Include discussions of the effect of bifocals or progressive lenses on the risk of falls.
- * Evaluate your home:
 - -Get rid of clutter and objects you might trip over.
 - -Add grab bars in tub or shower and by toilet.
 -use non-slip mats in bathtub and shower
 - -use non-slip mats in bathtub and shower floors.
 - -Put railings on BOTH sides of stairs -Add additional lighting if necessary
 - -Keep frequently used items in cabinets that can be reached without the use of step stools.
- * Avoid going barefooted or stocking-footed. Wear shoes or slippers with a non-slip sole even when inside.

- * If you have balance issues or poor sensation in your feet, use a walking stick, cane, or rollator when on uneven ground to assist with balance.
- * Give yourself adequate time to perform tasks, get to destinations, etc. Rushing can be a great hazard for falls.
- * Avoid trying to carry too much at one time. Always have an arm free to balance or support yourself. Keep your line of vision unobstructed by what you are carrying.
- * If you have pets in your home, be extra aware of their location so that they do not cause a trip and fall event.

Statistics have shown that at least one in four people over 65 fall each year. Less than half of these people tell their physician. Falling once doubles the chances of falling again. What appears to be a minor injury can actually be significant, and one injury makes it more likely that a second fall and more severe injury might follow.

An added complication occurs when an older person lives alone and sustains a significant fall. Delayed treatment of a significant injury might occur if there are limitations to being able to contact someone who could help. Establishing some sort of "buddy system" to maintain regular contact with a family or friend could mitigate this eventuality.

Beyond the physical consequences of falls (fractures, pain, future instability), there are social and psychological consequences. Loss of independence and changes to daily routine, the financial cost of hospitalization and the loss of social contacts play a part in diminishing the quality of life. Loss of confidence, increased anxiety, embarrassment from the injury or subsequent disabilities, loss of self-esteem all can result from a fall.

Although we cannot eliminate all causes of falls, being aware of those things that we can do limit the risk may go a long way to prevent the many consequences that can follow. As the old adage states, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Information for this article was partially gleaned from the CDC article on Older Adult Fall Prevention.

Chapter Campouts

We invite any chapters who have planned their upcoming campouts and would like to invite others to join them to list them here in the CHATTER. Likewise, if you are looking to camp with friends (or people who will become friends), check out these listings!

We also welcome any reports and/or photos from your campouts. What a better way to advertise the heart of

Indiana's Family Campers and RVers???

Contact the Editor at hoosierchatter@hotmail.com.

2023 Campout Schedule For Fireflies and Coffee pots

April 21-23 Richmond State (work weekend)

May 19-21 Clifty Falls (wagon master is Ron Cohee)

June 9-11 Summit Lake (wagon master is Brad Davis)

July 7-15 Campvention Richmond (Nationals)

August 11-13, 2023 Indiana Summer Campout Location TBA

Aug 18-20 Cornerstone New Castle (wagon master is Denise Weiss)

Sept 15-17 White River (wagon master is Terry Lane)

September 27-28, 2023 Retirees campout Amishville Campground

September 29-October 1, 2022 Indiana Fall Invitational Amishville Campground

Oct !3-15 Johnson Country (wagon master is Rick Lucas)

2023 schedule For **The Happy Glampers**

April 21-23 FCRV Spring Campout - Wayne County Fairgrounds

May 5-7 White River

June 22-25 Prophetstown

July 7-15 FCRV National Campout - Wayne County Fairgrounds

Aug 11-13 FCRV Summer Campout - Terre Haute

Aug 15-20 Shipshewana Campground N

Sept 15-17 White River

Sept 27-28 Retirees Rally - Amishville

Sept 29-Oct 1 FCRV Fall Campout - Amishville

Oct 13-15 Johnson County Park

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April 21-23, 2023 *Location of Campvention, 2023*

2023 Indiana Summer Campout
Lazy-L Lake Campground
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August 11-13, 2023

2023 Indiana Retiree Rally Amishville Campground 844 E 900 S Geneva, Indiana (260) 589-3536 September 27-28, 2023

2023 Indiana Fall Invitational
Amishville Campground
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"The Nutty Campers"
National Peanut Festival Fairground
Dothan, Alabama
March 24-27, 2023
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