



# HOOSIER CHATTER

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*"Where strangers become friends, and friends become family!"*

## What's the Buzz???

*What a year this is for those who appreciate nature, as we campers are wont to do! After the magnificent solar eclipse on April 8, we are now awaiting a phenomenon that has not happened since 1908!!! Here is some information about the great Cicada double emergence of 2024.*

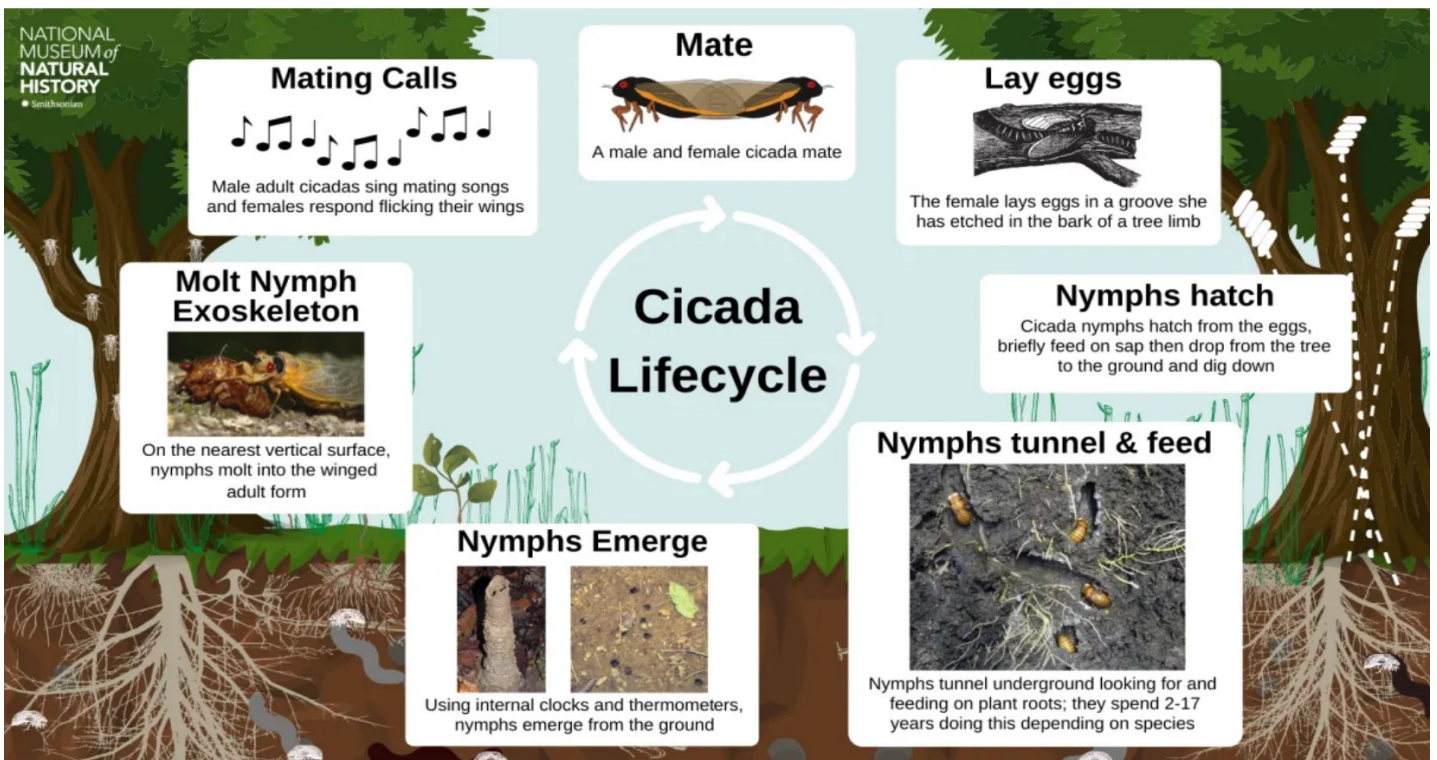
In 1803, Thomas Jefferson was president of the United States. The Louisiana Purchase acquired 530,000,000 acres from France for a whopping \$15 million, almost doubling the size of the fledgling country. Britain declared war on France, The Napoleonic Wars, which would last a decade. And in 1803, two broods of periodic Cicadas matured en masse and emerged for their brief lives above the terrain.

Why is that important? Because for the first time since 1803, that dual emergence is going to happen again in May and June of 2024. Indiana will have some impact by this emergence, though many of us will not be affected. Our neighbors in Illinois will experience some of the most active emergences from both broods.

Annual Cicadas are much less dramatic because of their smaller numbers. The 17-year Cicadas (Brood XIII) dwell mainly in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. The 13-year Cicadas (Brood XIX) mainly live in the southeast and Midwest. Their overlapping state is Illinois.

Prior to their emergence, the Cicadas pass through five juvenile stages about 8 feet underground as they feed on plant roots. They tunnel up to about 2 feet underground to feed on roots throughout their subterranean life. Although their synchronized emergences are predictable, the way they communicate to emerge together is still being studied. It may relate to an internal clock that allows them to sense the passage of time through the changes in the nutri-

*(See CICADAS, Continued on page 9)*





## From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Thank you to the Fireflies and Coffeepots for a wonderful weekend. Nice fellowship and a all around good time was had by all. The chilis were very tasteful and a nice variety. It was nice to see everybody again with an amazing turnout of 22 campers.

Don't forget Nationals in June and the Great Lake Regional in Celina, Ohio, July 24 through the 28. We will support Angie and Jeff in the hospitality that they choose. More info coming on that.

The Sempers are planning a fun filled schedule in August at the Summer campout. It will be interesting to see the new training center at the fire station. They are having a baked potato bar and pitch in for Saturday night meal.

The Fall invitational has a theme and tentative schedule. The theme is "Hawaiian Weekend." We will serve you hospitality on Friday night and supper on Saturday night. There will be games and a walk for kettle or regular popcorn. More info as to come at a later date.

Now that the rigs are ready to go the camping season is going to be busy on the schedules. Don't be surprised if Ang and I drop in on a club campout if we have an open weekend.

Don't forget your mothers on Mother's day and to honor your loved ones on Memorial Day weekend.

Remember I am not going away from this position , just adding more of a workload

Until next time  
*Ed Shaneyfelt*



## From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

What a wonderful weekend for our first campout, a little windy but we're campers, so no worries. The Coffee Pots & Fireflies put on a great campout. There were lots of games including Bunco, the "Spring Fling" games and then Euchre. Then came the Chili! All of the Chili brands that I tried were wonderful! Thanks for giving all 22 units (which has been the highest number in quite some time) a great, relaxing weekend. Way to get the camping year started for Indiana!

For those that couldn't attend the campout here is a rundown of my state director report:

### National Election Results:

- \* Gerry Pfirsch - International President
- \* Ed Shaneyfelt - Vice President of Programs
- \* Teresa Walorski - Recording/Corresponding Officer

**Campvention:** June 23-29, 2024, at Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY. There is still time to register. Follow the 2024 Family Campers & Rvers Facebook page for more information. Most important info: Do not follow your GPS....Do: Take exit 39 (Herkimer-Mohawk) and let GPS recalculate. This will take you to NY 5S and bring you right to the fairgrounds.

**The Great Lakes Regional** will be July 24-28, 2024. Hosted by Ohio this year, it will be at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio. I will let you know more information when I receive from Dave & Linda Hennie. This is very close for Indiana, so Plan on attending our Regional.

We are looking forward to seeing some of our Indiana members the 1st weekend of May at Bean Blossom for our **Conservation Campout**. Thanks to Misty Stuckwisch for setting that up. After that weekend, I won't see you again until Campvention in June and then the Regional in July, then the Indiana Summer campout in August. Get your reservations in where needed.

See the Chatter for more information on the **Summer Campout**, they will need a head count of camp-

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# Fun in the Sun

August 9-11, 2024  
Jasper County Fairground  
Rensselaer, Indiana  
(2671 W. Clark Street)

## INDIANA SUMMER CAMPOUT HOSTED BY THE SEMPER FAMILY

Cost for the weekend: \$60.00  
(\$25/night +\$10.00 Activity Fee)

Saturday afternoon: Tour of the Rensselaer fire station and training facility.  
Saturday night meal: PITCH IN with a BAKED POTATO BAR!

Contact VAL SEMPER to reserve your site.  
valriesemper@hotmail.com  
Or text to 219-741-9106

*There is plenty of room for everyone!!!*

### CLEAN UP TO CAMP OUT!

Conservation Campout

May 3-5, 2024

Need reservations to Misty by March 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> night **FREE** provided we get **10 units** to camp **AND** help with the annual cleanup/workday on the 4th! (It will not be all day)

NO activity fee for the weekend!

Bring your gloves & a set of old clothes to work in!

This will be a casual weekend – pitch in on Saturday night!

Bill Monroe Campground

5163 Indiana Hwy 135, Morgantown IN 46160

812-988-6422





# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Camp Family,

It's Official, Camping season is Here. The turnout for the Spring Campout was great. It was nice that so many chapters showed up. I'm not going to list them; I don't want miss any.

We had a few who " up-graded" their units. The games, with the various kinds of chili, the fellowship, all was great.

I would like to ask prayers and praise in our hearts for Macey Stuckwisch as she departs for her Guatemala Mission trip. May the Lord's Mercies be with her.

Until we share another campfire, God Bless.

*Harlan Nigh* □ □ □ □ □

# Collections Coordinator +



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

Hi there,

There were 19 people and 4 dogs that walked on the C.A.M.P. Walk at the Spring Fling Campout on Saturday.

I would like to thank the Fireflies for the money that they donated for Riley Hospital.

Check out next month's CHATTER to see some of the plans for the retiree campout in September.

See you around the campfire.

*Patti Thieme.*

# CONGRATULATIONS



# to our newly elected National Trustees!!

# A Lawn to view with PRIDE, not Pain!



DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch



A well groomed yard is a thing of beauty, especially in the springtime, when the world is emerging from the monochromatic dullness of the winter. The price of lawncare includes a potentially devastating cost, however. In the United States, of 80,000 lawn mower accidents yearly, nearly 6,400 occur among children younger than 18 years of age. Children under the age of 14 and adults over the age of 44 are the most commonly affected by lawn mower accidents. Boys make up 82% of all injuries.

The most common injuries are cuts to the hands and feet, which can easily get past the blade protectors. These cuts may be superficial, but can go deeper into the muscle, ligaments, tendons, and bones. Lawnmowers account for 9% of traumatic amputations in children, and 5% of lawn mower injuries involve severe burns. 2.6% of injuries occurring when operating or being near a running lawnmower lead to death.

The financial burden in the US is estimated at 136 million dollars, with the average cost *per patient* being \$37,000.

Common causes of lawn mower accidents include objects being thrown by the mower blade, loss of control or rollover, stepping on or getting caught in the spinning blade, and improper use of the mower. Burns result from coming into contact with the external components of the motor.

## How do the injuries happen?

### ADULTS:

- ◆ Carelessness when starting the mower or adjusting the blades.
- ◆ Burns from touching the hot frame of the mower or fires from careless refilling of the tank.
- ◆ Injuries from contact with the blades because of slips and falls on wet grass or trying to move objects in the way of the mower without shutting the mower down.
- ◆ Attempting to mow steep hills or uneven ground, causing the mower to overturn.
- ◆ Inadequate safety equipment.

### CHILDREN:

- ◆ Young children can fall or slip into the operating mower blade while playing and running nearby.
- ◆ Children can be injured while operating the mower when they are too young to do so or when young children fall off a mower while riding with an adult.
- ◆ Children can be injured when mowers are placed into reverse and the operator is not aware that a child is behind them.
- ◆ Rocks or other objects can be thrown by the

mower, striking a child, even from a distance.

## To reduce the risk of mower accidents,

- ◆ Wear protective gear (gloves, long pants, eye protection, hearing protection.)
- ◆ Wear sturdy shoes (not sandals, flip-flops, sneakers)
- ◆ Maintain the mower properly. Adults should adjust the blade settings, set the wheel height, dislodge debris. Any maintenance should be done with the mower off and the spark plug disconnected.
- ◆ Use only a power mower with a control that stops the mower if the handle is let go, and be certain this control is never disconnected.
- ◆ Start and refuel mowers outdoors, not in a garage or shed. Mowers should be refueled with the motor turned off and cool.
- ◆ Do not allow children younger than 16 to use ride-on mowers. Do not allow children younger than 12 to use walk-behind mowers.
- ◆ Do not allow children to ride on riding lawnmowers, even with an adult operating the mower.
- ◆ Keep children well away from the mowing area.
- ◆ Mow only in good weather conditions. (The leading cause of foot injuries with power mowers is slipping on rain-soaked grass).
- ◆ Avoid mowing on slopes that are too steep.
- ◆ Before mowing, pick up objects from the lawn (stones, toys, lawn furniture.) Do not try to move these objects while the mower is in operation.
- ◆ If something becomes lodged in the blades, turn off the mower and disconnect the spark plugs. Remove the obstruction with some sort of tool. Do not use hand or fingers to dislodge the object, even when wearing gloves. If the mower stalls because of vines or other vine-like objects winding around the blade, do not just pull the vines out, as that might reengage the blades and pull the hand back into the blade mechanism.

Other precautions should also be considered: dangers exist in using weed eaters or hedge trimmers, encountering hornets' nests or ground bees, contacts with lawn chemicals or weed controllers, uneven ground causing falls or ankle injuries, overheating or dehydration.

As in all things, an ounce of precaution is better than a pound of cure. The result is a beautiful lawn that you could be proud of!

Information for this article is from a variety of internet articles that generally agreed with each other!

**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION  
FCRV/NCHA  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SPRING CAMPOUT  
SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024  
JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, FRANKLIN, INDIANA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Shaneyfelt at 6:44p.m. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

All members present signed in and introduced themselves.

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER:**

Ed led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Harlen Nigh said a prayer before the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Northern Rep. and seconded by 108, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's reports were passed out to members and with no questions a motion to accept was made by 161 and seconded by 200, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

· Spring Campout: The Coffee Pots & Fireflies hosted a great spring camp out at Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin, Indiana. 22 units and 2 second families were in attendance.

· Green Tree Plastics: Harlen and Lori Nigh made the trip to Evansville to pick up 3 benches that we had donated caps for. They would like to have a camp out at Cornerstone when they put their 2 benches there in memory of their late spouses. Nigh's are to check with the owners and see when they can set a date. If anyone can attend, they can go for the weekend and camp or just drive in the day of. The third bench is for Paul Jones from Michigan and Angie is to take it to him. Paul has caps for us to receive from him also. If anyone knows of anybody or any group that needs caps to make a bench let us know as we have plenty. The cap donations have been suspended at this time due to an overabundance.

· Riley donation: Since Ed changed jobs, he did not get with Patti to go to Riley to take the donations there. He is in the process of getting that done this year.

· Summer Campout: Aug 9-11 will be the camp out hosted by the Sempers at Jasper Co Fairgrounds in Rensselaer, Indiana. It will be a \$60.00 weekend. If you want to go in early, you may arrive on Thursday. Just let Valerie know what day you are planning on arriving. They are planning a carry-in and furnishing a baked potato bar on Saturday night. They are planning a tour of the fire department and new training facility on Saturday.

There was no other unfinished business offered.

**NATIONAL NEWS:**

· Ed announced that he was elected for Vice President of Programs at the national level. We all congratulated him. Ed informed us that he does not have to resign as president of the State.

· As for the Campvention Director position, Ed let us know that the New York Campvention is coming along well and the 2025 Campvention Nationals will be in Lebanon Tennessee. It will be the week of July 19-26, 2025. He commented it is only 20 mins from Nashville. He also said that his resignation as Campvention Director takes effect in 2025.

**STATE DIRECTOR**

Angie let us know the results of the national election which are as follows: Gerry Pfirsch is the International President, Ed Shaneyfelt is Vice President of Programs and Teresa Walorski is Recording/Corresponding Officer.

· She reported that June 23 -29th is Campvention in New York and asked who all was attending. She was pleased with the show of hands of those planning on attending. Angie also mentioned to follow the Facebook page. There will be ice available on grounds' No wood fires. Bring extra water hoses and extra extension cords. She did mention to bring reusable bags for shopping or you can pay \$0.05 for paper bags. She is making up a basket from the State of Indiana to be given away as a door prize. If anyone is interested in donating to it look her up.

· The Great Lakes Regional will be held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina Ohio on July 24-28th, 2024. Indiana & Kentucky will be hosting a hospitality at the Regional.

· There was a question regarding submitted Wildlife Grants from Indiana members. Angie did receive an email they the wildlife director had only received 3 of the 4 submitted. She will make sure this is taken care of.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

· C.A.M.P., Tabs, Riley, and Retiree: Patti Thieme reported that there were 19 people who walked and 4 dogs. She also said thanks for all the tabs brought to the campout.

· Chatter, photographer: Marilyn Rausch said that the Chatter was going well. If there is anything that you want to put in Chatter just email it to her by the 28th of the month. Marilyn will notify us when the pictures are posted to Facebook.

· Budget/Audit: Mike Rausch reported everything looked OK at this time.

· Adult Games: Ed informed us that the games at nationals are open competition for anyone.

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ers in attendance for that one! Then we will be into September for the **Fall Invitational**. Now, stop and read that paragraph again...that is just how fast a camping season really goes.

Ed and I would love to crash a few club campouts, but it will be hard this year since Ed switched jobs this past December. Trust me, all the club dates are in my calendar, so if we can make it to your campout we will let you know.

Thanks again to the Coffee Pots & Fireflies for hosting our first campout of the year. Until next month, "Happy Camping"

*Angie Shaneyfelt*

Indiana FCRV State Director

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Continued from page 7)

· **Nominating:** Mark Shaneyfelt said that election is in 2025 if anyone is interested in a State position, please see him. He commented the Northern Rep needs to live North of Indy and Southern Rep has to live South of Indy. If no one runs the current officers will remain in their positions.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

· **Conservation Campout** will be May 9, 10, and 11th 2024 at Bill Monroe's Campground in Beanblossom. There will be a pitch in meal on Saturday night with Misty suppling the BBQ pork. Misty commented to bring old clothes to work in and she isn't sure what all we will be doing at this time.

· **Fall Invitational Campout** will be September 27th, 28th, and 29th 2024, at Amishville with retirees going in on the 25th. The theme for the camp out is a "Hawaiian Weekend" we will have hospitality on Friday night and supper on Saturday night. The trustees will finalize the schedule in August.

#### DONATIONS AND RAFFLES

- o The Coffee Pots/Fireflies donated \$110.00 to the State for ½ of the profit from the Spring Campout.
- o The Coffee Pots donated their \$55.00 profit to Macey Stuckwisch to go towards her mission trip
- o The Fireflies donated their \$55.00 profit to Riley.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Bids are needed for next year's camping schedule.

200 made a motion to adjourn and 191 seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by

*Deena Felver*



# GREEN TREE PLASTICS

Indiana FCRV has a partnership with Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana. This company takes plastic caps and recycles them into other products, with the popular one being benches. The current prices for a 4' bench (with back) is \$187.50 plus 100 pounds of caps. The 6' bench (with back) is \$295.00 plus 200 pounds of caps.

You can visit their website at [www.greentreeplastics.com](http://www.greentreeplastics.com) to see their other items including tables, trash receptacles and landscape timbers.

If you, or an organization that you know, are interested in purchasing any items, please contact me. I have the partnership set up for Indiana FCRV. After calling to order the product (it would be a 3-way call between me, Green Tree and the person ordering/picking up the item) the pickup date would be set. When you take the caps and money for your item(s), you will come home with your new product. So, you get to take care of the process in one trip.

If you have questions on other products pricing, please email me at [angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com](mailto:angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com) and I will be happy to give you the current prices.

*Angie Shaneyfelt*

Indiana FCRV State Director

*(from their website)*

**ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY:** Green Tree Plastics, LLC, manufactures recycled plastic products using 100% recycled plastics, no hazardous chemicals, non-organic fillers, non-organic color concentrates.

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**UNIQUE:** (Look at Gallery Photos on website)

- Adult Tables, Youth Tables, Toddler Tables
- sand post designed to stay-put in wetlands washed by tides, winds and storms
- Team benches for sports fields that have large advertising frames facing the fans
- Wheel chocks
- Raised garden beds

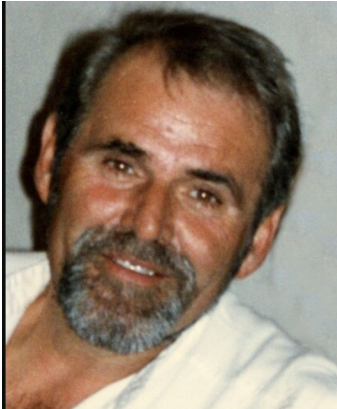
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*Don and Melanie Lemon were former members of FCRV and were members of the Weak N Ders chapter. (Thank you to Melvin Coy for this information.)*

# Rest in Peace



**Donald Ray  
"Don"  
Lemon**

Donald Ray "Don" Lemon, 79, of Columbus, passed away at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at his residence.

Born November 12, 1944, in Washington, Indiana, he was the son of the late James and Grace Maxine (Anderson) Owens. He married Melanie Wilson on October 7, 1994, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; she survives.

Don was a high school graduate and attended Purdue University for agriculture. He worked as a chemical farming consultant for Vigoro Industries in Bargersville for 30 years, and in later years he drove a tanker delivery truck for Circle K.

Don was a member of the First Assembly in Columbus and the camping club. He enjoyed playing Euchre, camping, traveling, being outdoors, and houseboating. He was a big Purdue basketball fan, and he loved his dog, Phoebe.

Survivors include his wife, Melanie Lemon of Columbus; son, Christopher (Robin) Lemon of Martinsville; daughters, Angela (Jeffrey) Allsup of Avon; stepsons, Jeffrey Stanfield of Hodgenville, Kentucky, and Skyler Kirts of Taylorsville; stepdaughter, Cathy Stoughton of Hartsville; stepbrother, Kenny Owens of Vincennes; grandchildren, Sarah, Emily, Tiffany, and Laura; eight step grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service for Don was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon. Memorials may be made in honor of Don through the funeral home to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana

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ents that they eat. Some studies have shown the emergence may relate to ground temperature. They usually emerge when the ground temperature is 64 degrees at 8 inches below the surface.

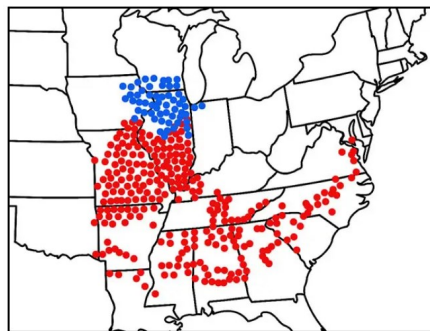
Once the Cicadas emerge, the time clock is activated for them to sing (the males make noise through membranes on their abdomens), mate, lay eggs and die. Underground, they are relatively safe from predators, but once they emerge they are fair game for almost every animal to eat, particularly birds. By emerging in large numbers (billions, or as in this year with two broods emerging, trillions), their sheer numbers make it more likely that their colonies will survive.

Cicadas are not dangerous to humans or animals. In fact, their life cycles provide a valuable food source for birds and other predators, aerate lawns and improve water filtration into the ground as they create burrows, and add nutrients to the soil as they decompose.

The life cycle of the CICADA is depicted on the poster from the National Museum of Natural History seen on page 1. What actually emerges from the ground are the nymphs, who are encased in an exoskeleton. After emerging, they will find a vertical surface on which to affix themselves as they shed the exoskeleton. Those will be quite obvious, but they are totally empty. The males begin their mating song (which is the loud noise that we hear) by activating a membrane on their abdomens. After mating, the female lays her eggs in tiny slits that she has created in the bark of trees. The trees are not injured by this. When the eggs hatch, the nymphs feed temporarily on the sap of the trees, fall to the ground, dig holes and start their 13-17 year development in the ground.

Pets or other animals can eat the Cicadas in any of their life stages, though the exoskeletons may irritate their GI tracts. Though not many take advantage of it, humans can also eat the Cicadas. See the recipe page of this CHATTER for an interesting recipe! One person reported that the Cicada has a similar taste to asparagus.

As with the Eclipse, only a select number of individuals will have the opportunity of experiencing this historic event in its fullness. Still, it is interesting to learn more about our fascinating world!

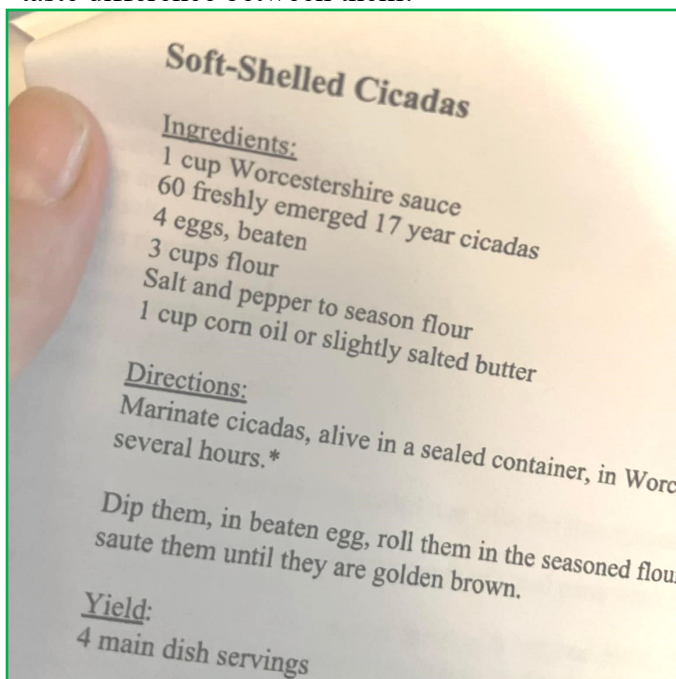


This depicts the expected locations of emergence of Brood XIII (blue) and Brood XIX (red).

Credit: Gene Kritsky

# Recipes worth Sharing

Thank you to Angie Shaneyfelt for the following recipe. If you make it, please write a review! I am not certain how you differentiate between the 13-year and the 17-year Cicadas or if there is any taste difference between them!



## Cheesy Jalapeno Biscuits



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 8 tbsp (1 stick) unsalted butter, cold, cubed
- 2 cups grated cheddar or pepper jack cheese
- 2 eggs, room temperature, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup finely chopped jalapeno peppers (I use Mezzetta brand "Tamed" style Jalapeno peppers)
- 1/4 c Jalapeno juice from the jar.

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine flour, salt, and baking powder in a large bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry cutter or 2 forks until finely crumbly.
2. Stir in beaten egg.
3. Add cheese and chopped jalapeno. Dough will be very dry.
4. Stir in jalapeno juice just until combined.
5. Cover and refrigerate for one hour.
6. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
7. Use large cookie scoop to measure out biscuits, placing on lined or greased cookie sheet.
8. Bake for 14-18 minutes until biscuits are just turning brown.
9. Cool on pan for 5 minutes, then transfer to wire rack to cool completely before serving.

## Caramel O's Snack

### INGREDIENTS

- 12 cups CHheerios
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 C butter or margarine
- 1/4 c light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 250 degrees.
2. In large ungreased bowl or pan, measure cereal. Set aside.
3. In 1-quart saucepan, heat brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and salt to boiling, stirring constantly. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Remove from heat. Stir in soda until foamy. Pour over cereal, stirring until evenly coated. (optional: add peanuts or pecans to mixture)
5. Divide between 2 ungreased 13 x 9 pans.
6. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes.
7. Cool and store in airtight container.

# Some pictures from the Indiana **Spring Fling**

Indiana FCRV members were winter-weary and ready to camp! It was evidenced by the number who attended the first state campout of the year at Johnson County Fairgrounds. Thank you to the COFFEE POT CAMPERS and the FIREFLIES for a wonderful campout!!

To see all the pictures from the Spring Campout, go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2rwh1cfwn8k3dkY7>



Thanks to John Alcorn for climbing the bleachers to get an "aerial" view of the outstanding turnout for the "Spring Fling!"



Stacy Davis instructed us in making greeting cards during crafts.



The CAMP walk attracted all ages and species!!



Kite flying was attempted, but the gusty wind seemed to win!



(above) Chuck-a-Duck, Chicken Flinging, and Ring Toss games challenged Indiana campers of all ages! Thank you to Denise McKerlie!



Visiting around an invisible campfire (too windy for a real one!)

# 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](mailto:hoosierchatter@hotmail.com).

## Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2024 Camping Schedule

## Happy Glampers 2024 Camping Schedule

May 31-June 2		Turkey Run State Park
June 23-29, 2024	Campvention	Herkimer Co., New York
July 12-14		Starve Hollow
September 13-15		Parke County Campground
October 25-27		Spring Mill St. Park

May 3-5	Bill Monroe Campground	Conservation Campout
May 16-19	White River Campground	Cicero
July 12-14	Muncie RV Journey	Anderson, IN
July 24-28	Mercer County (OH) Fairgrounds	Great Lakes Regional
Aug 9-11	Jasper County Fairgrounds	Summer Campout
Aug 16-18	Mississinewa SRA	Peru, IN
Sept 10-15	Shipshewana North Campground	
Sept 25-26	Amishville Campground	Retiree Rally
Sept 27-29	Amishville Campground	Fall Invitational

If you have any questions, call Ron Cohee at 765-661-9673.

For further information contact John or Rose Stock ([all2stock@aol.com](mailto:all2stock@aol.com))

# YOUR CHAIR AWAITS

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- International Camping Club
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 Application for Grant

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager/Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a general outline of the project and include such photos as are available. Include papers to show that the Project is operated by a responsible government or private owned organization.

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Please mail/email to:  
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 1602 Dover St  
 Broomfield, CO 80020  
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## 2024 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAMPOUT



Experience the *Grand*  
Life with FCRV Family  
and Friends



July 24-28, 2024  
Mercer County Fairgrounds  
1001 W. Market Street – Celina Ohio 45822

Welcome party, Race Across the Great Lakes, bingo, ole' fashion picnic, games, tours  
and much, much more.

**Pre-Registration \$30.00 per night + \$20 activity fee**

Wed. \_\_\_\_ Thur \_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of nights x \$30 + \$20 activity fee = Amt. enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration at Gate \$35.00 per night + \$20 activity fee**

Names \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Type of unit \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Slides \_\_\_\_\_

**Second family in same unit \$20.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **Great Lakes Regional Account**

**Send Preregistration to: David and Linda Hennie**  
4101 Honeybrook Ave., Dayton OH 45415

Questions?: Contact us at [GLR4FCRV@aol.com](mailto:GLR4FCRV@aol.com)  
Emergency number: Mercer County Fairgrounds 419-586-3239

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Indiana State Events

### *2024 Indiana Conservation Campout*

May 3-5, 2024  
Bill Monroe's Campground  
Beanblossom, Indiana  
5163 Indiana Hwy 135  
Morgantown, IN, 46160  
812-988-6422

Make reservations by March 1, 2024  
through Misty Stuckwisch  
MistyStu21@yahoo.com  
812-528-2097

### *2024 Indiana Summer Campout*

August 9-11, 2024  
Hosted by the Semper Family  
Jasper County Fairgrounds  
2671 W. Clark Street  
Rensselaer, Indiana  
(For reservations, contact  
Valerie Semper  
valeriesemper@hotmail.com  
Or text  
219-741-9106

### *2024 Indiana Retiree Rally*

September 25-26, 2024  
Amishville Campground  
844 E 900 S  
Geneva, Indiana  
(260) 589-3536

### *2024 Indiana Fall Invitational "Hawaiian Weekend"*

September 27-29, 2024  
Hosted by Indiana Trustees  
Amishville Campground  
844 E 900 S  
Geneva, Indiana  
(260) 589-3536

Make reservations through  
Deena Felver  
cdfelver@metalink.net  
419-203-6627

## International Events



### *64th Annual Campvention 2024 "Celebrating our Future"*

June 23-29, 2024  
Early Bird Days June 21, 22, 2024  
Herkimer County Fairgrounds  
135 Cemetery Road  
Frankfort, NY 13340

## Regional Events

### *Great Lakes Regional Campout*

July 24-28, 2024  
Hosted by Ohio FCRV  
Mercer County Fairgrounds

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