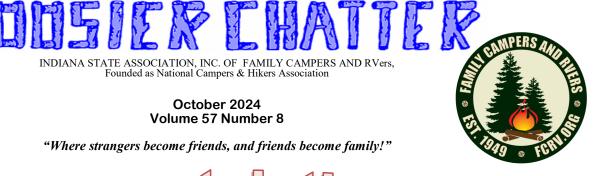


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"Where strangers become friends, and friends become family!"



To our members and chapters celebrating membership anniversaries. Thank you for being part of our camping family!!



HOOSIER RETIREES 50 YEARS



RAINBOWS 55 YEARS



HARLAN & LORI NIGH **5 YEARS**



RICK AND CHRISTINA **LUCAS 30YEARS**



SCOTT & VALERIE **SEMPER** 40 YEARS



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

It was wonderful seeing everybody at the Fall Invitational. I have to give a big shout out to my trustees. They told me that I was not going to do everything and they did a wonderful job putting on the campout. Thanks also to my son-in-law, Jimmy Longberry, for cooking the kabobs and the fried rice. Thanks again team you guys are wonderful.

The schedule for next year is fully planned with the state campout list.

First the **Spring campout** will be at Cornerstone on April 25-27, 2025. It will be hosted by the Fireflies and Coffeepots. The theme will be "Celebration of Life" with two benches being donated to the campground. You can start calling on March 1st to make a reservation. Let them know you are with FCRV.

The **Summer campout** will be at Friends of Mine Campground August 22-24, 2025 hosted by the Happy Glampers. You can call now to reserve a site and let them know that you are with FCRV also.

Lastly, for the **Fall Invitational**, we will be going to Shipshewana North campground on October 3-5, 2025, hosted by the Trustees. You can call now to reserve a spot at the campground. They are holding 35 spots for us until September 15. When you call to make your reservation let them know you are with FCRV.

It is nice to have the schedule already done for next year but think about the year after.

Remember to let Ang and me know about your offseason get togethers, You never know we just might crash one of them



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Go Indiana Trustees! What a wonderful campout at Amishville for our Indiana Fall Invitational. Everyone that attended really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to our Michigan friends and some Illinois friends that joined us also. The Hawaiian games were fun and the food was fabulous (thanks to everyone for pitching in on that big task, especially Jimmy Longberry... he's the best son-in-law that I have)! Nobody noticed we served them about 30 minutes late (if you noticed, thank you for not mentioning it....we would have put you right at the back of the line)! ha ha!

National notes

This is the last time that I'll bring these items up:

- A second email address can be added to your membership. Contact me if you want a 2nd email address added.
- Discord replaced Zoom for FCRV, you can get the app (phone & computer) and stay in contact with FCRV friends through the app. [ed note: see information on page 9.]
- Make sure you are going to the national website (www.fcrv.org) at least once a month to check the new edition of Camping Today. While on the website, poke around and see what else you find. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the website.
- The Retiree Rally will be in Dothan, Alabama March 24-30.
- The 65th Campvention will be held at Wilson County Fairgrounds-James E Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon Tennessee. It's a party of inconvenience, so inconvenience yourself and make plans to attend! It will be a fun filled week with Wednesday being a travel day for our members to go sight-seeing (Nashville is only 30ish minutes away).

Monitor the Facebook pages and the national website for more information regarding both of these events.

State notes

• The slate is filled for all of our state campouts for

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Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV Youth and Teen Director Misty Stuckwisch

Our fall invitational has come and gone, the leaves are turning, and the days are getting shorter. I am sad to think another camping season is winding down.

I want to thank the trustees for hosting another great camp out. I don't believe the rain kept us from doing what we love to do....EAT! Haha! It was so much fun seeing out camping family.

I enjoyed the 4 youth/teens we had this weekend. I hope they enjoyed the craft/activities provided. If you need a good campfire, I know they can set it up

for you!

If you have suggestions for activities/crafts or if you would like to lead an activity with the kids just let me know. It's always fun to have input from other people.

Wishing you a wonderful spooky season! Till we camp again,

Misty





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Camp Family,

As we near the end of another season, we had a couple of great outings. Park County, with the Covered Bridges, was good place for a good adventure. Then, even with rain, The State Retiree Rally and Fall campout had a good turnout. We enjoyed visitors from Michigan, Illinois and Illinois (hope I included everyone.)

As this season is closing, I pray your winterizing and camper storage go smoothly. And as others head out to the warmer parts of the country, may the Lord's traveling mercies be with you. Let's enjoy the beautiful fall colors while you can.

Until we share another campfire,

God Bless Y'all

Harlan Nigh

Member Information CINDY JAMES

Congratulations to CINDY JAMES, who retired on September 27 after 28 years serving the transportation needs of the Senior Citizens in her community. With her retirement, she has moved to Hicksville, Ohio (just across the state line from Fort Wayne) to live with her son, Jeremy, and his three children.

Cindy's new address is 1318 Spencerville Rd., Hicksville, Ohio, 43526. Her new email address is

cljames 1756@yahoo.com.

Cindy has expressed that she misses camping with Indiana FCRV, and she hopes to see us at another campout sometime down the road.



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next year. I am sure that Ed will be putting that information in his article. Please refer also to the back page of the Chatter and put all the campout information in your calendars! You don't want to miss anything next year.

Please contact me over the winter months if you have any questions or concerns regarding our

state organization.

• Please also email me if your clubs/chapters are getting together over the winter months. Ed and I have been known to "crash" parties in the past.

Thank you to all my Indiana members for being so great. Anytime something needs done many of you jump up to help. It is very appreciated. You make my job easier as your State Director!

Until we cross paths again...

Angie Shaneyfelt



This article is a AAA Auto Repair Article.

AAA TREAD TALK is a series of resources from AAA that provide information about tire tread and safety, including how to check tire tread depth and when to replace tires.

The tires are the only parts on your car that have direct contact with the road, which means they have a major effect on ride, handling, braking, and safety. For optimum performance, tires must be

- properly balanced and inflated,
- show no signs of physical damage, and
- have adequate tread depth.

Proper inflation, regular rotation, periodic inspection and wheel alignment when needed will all contribute to maximum tire life.

Car tires must be replaced when their tread wears below a certain level. However, other types of problems can result in the need for earlier replacement. If you don't invest time and money in regular car maintenance, you risk reducing the lifespan of your tires.

Also, road hazards such as potholes, rocks and debris can damage your tires. If you notice anything unusual about how your car drives after running over a hazard, AAA recommends that you take the vehicle to the nearest auto repair shop for an immediate tire inspection.

TIRE PROBLEMS TO LOOK FOR WHILE DRIVING

• Vibration or thumping:

Unusual vibrations or thumping noises can indicate an out-of-balance tire, one with tread that has a flat spot due to locking the wheels in a panic stop, or a tire with a separated belt.

• Pull to one side:

While driving at a steady speed, a steering pull to one side may indicate an underinflated or damaged tire on that side of the car. It could also be caused by a brake system or wheel alignment problem.

TIRE PROBLEMS TO LOOK FOR DURING INSPECTION

• Over inflation:

Too much air pressure causes mostly the tire's middle section to contact the road. This causes increased wear in the center of the tread, with less wear at the tire's edges.

• Under inflation:

Too little air pressure causes mostly the tire's outer edges to contact the road. This causes increased wear on both edges of the tire tread, with less wear in the center.

Wear on one edge of the tread:
 This type of wear indicates worn suspension components or a wheel alignment problem.

• Erratic tread wear:

Alternating high and low spots around the tread, called cupping or scalloping, may indicate a wheel out of balance, but are more often a sign that you need to replace worn shock absorbers or other suspension components

• Sidewall cuts and tears:

Impacts with road debris and curbs can damage the rubber tire sidewalls. You can usually ignore cosmetic damage, unless accompanied by a bubble or bulge, However, if the cords of the tire carcass are exposed and damaged, bring your vehicle to your local auto repair shop to have the tire replaced.

Bubble or bulge:

A bubble or bulge on the tire sidewall or tread indicates one of the belts inside the tire has separated from those around it. Replace any tire with this type of damage as soon as possible.

ADEQUATE TREAD DEPTH is necessary for a tire to maintain traction and shed water on wet and slippery roads. You can measure tread depth with an inexpensive gauge available at any auto parts store. Alternatively, you can use the traditional quarter and penny tests.

- Insert a quarter into a tread groove with the top of Washington's head facing down. If the top of his head is not visible, your tires have at least 4/32" of tread and are fine for continued use. If you can see above the top of Washington's head, it is time to start shopping for new tires. Take multiple measurements across the tread to help ensure accurate results.
- You perform a penny test the same way, except that if you can see above the top of Lincoln's head your tires have less than 2/32" of tread, which is below the legal minimum in most states and cause for immediate tire replacement. Tires worn to this level will also have visible wear indicators (thin bald strips) running from side to side across two or more tread segments.

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch

HAWAIIAN Retiree Invitati

Amishville, USA Campground Retirees August 25-26, 2024 Invitational August 27-29, 2024

CAMPOUT

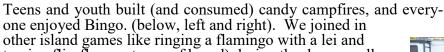


The FALL INVITATIONAL took place as an island getaway, with the theme of a Hawaiian campout. A bit of wind and rain couldn't wash out the fun prepared by the Trustees!

The theme was echoed by decorations, costumes, games, crafts, and food! Scott Semper (right), Sharon Shaneyfelt (left below), Lori and Harlan Nigh (center below) and Angie Shaneyfelt (right below) modeled the best in island wear. Angie showed her steady hand playing Giant Jenga!



















Crafting put folks into an island mood by creating their own tie-dye shirts.

Hopefully we will be able to see the end results at a future campout!

Some found that tossing both flip-flops at once more successfully hit the surf board.

What is camping without eating?? We were treated to a delicious "luau" with ham kabobs, Hawaiian sliders, Hawaiian fried rice, and a variety of island desserts. Angie's sign (below) read "If our service and food do not meet your expectations, please lower your expectations!" No one had to lower their expectations... the food went above and beyond!











Many more memories of this fun campout can be found at the following link:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/GhrQGjDaoacqjSYT7

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.



October 25-27		Spring Mill St. Park
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If you have any questions, call Ron Cohee at 765-661-9673.





Recipes

NO-BAKE ÉCLAIR CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups milk
- 1 (8 0x) contains frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (3.4 oz) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 (16 ox) package graham cracker squares
- 1 (16 oz) package prepared chocolate frosting

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Stir together milk, whipped topping, and pudding mix in a medium bowl until well combined.
- 2. Arrange a single layer of graham cracker squares in the bottom of a 9 x 13-inch baking pan.
- 3. Evenly spread half of the pudding mixture over the crackers. Top with another layer of crackers and the remaining pudding mixture. Top with a final layer of graham crackers.
- 4. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- 5. Spread frosting over the chilled cake up to the edges of the pan. Cover again and chill for 3 1/2 hours before serving.





A new platform Will be in use for FCRV online meetings.

Introducing



Discord

Discord

National and our leadership has moved on from using Zoom as our go to product for Video Communication and moved over to using Discord. Along with using Discord as our main source of video communication comes a slew of other benefits that Zoom did not allow.

Discord is a FREE social media platform that allows users to communicate in real time using text, voice, and video through public or private servers. You can find servers for all types of hobbies, from anything like knitting, bee keeping, video games, or sports, to things that FCRV exhibits like camping, RVing, wildlife and conservation

Your trustees, National Office and 'Camping Today' team have been using it for the last few months to test it out and get experience with using its features before we opened our server up to membership and the general public.

Discord, while giving us a platform for our leadership and members to communicate also comes with a MUCH needed benefit of moving FCRV into spaces used by younger generations. Discord has 3 options for using its services. Those options are a phone app, an app for pc/mac, or you can even access it right through a web browser. So it makes communication VERY easy and FAST with how accessible it is compared to Zoom.

Using Discord requires creating an account for it.

Please make sure to take measures to log the name and password you create to reference logging back into it whenever needed. Also please keep in mind that the minimum age to create a Discord account is 13 years of age.

For more information, here is a great video explaining what discord is while showing off its features: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=xRMD8ley3ZE

SPIRITORIAL FAMILIAN SHIP TEXTS OF TEXT

FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION

"Spirit of Friendship" July 20-26, 2025 James E Ward Agricultural Center 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087



REGISTRATION:

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Welcome to Campvention 2025. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

**Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2025 Campvention.

At Gate

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2024, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

Registration

One Family in the Unit	\$350.00	\$385.00		
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00	\$200.00		
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June 23-29)	\$175.00	\$190.00		
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00	\$35.00		
Early Bird Days: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a			neck). The gates v	will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.,
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City:	Sta	ate/Province	:	Zip Code:
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Is this your first Campvention? Yes	No	Are you a	Veteran and what	branch?
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Total number of people in Unit:				
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We would like to help with event(s) at Car	mpvention. St	taff will follo	v up with a conta	ct if yes: Yes No
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Please note the LENGTH of camping rig b	ehind type:			
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**Bring extension cords. Water available.	Bring hoses	and Y connec	tors.	
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvo	ention 2025 F	unds		
Mail checks and completed forms to:				
FCRV Campvention 2025				
137 Crandon Blvd.				

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242. Confirmations will be sent via Email. Please allow a month for Processing.

53rd FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL FAIRGROUND S622 HWY 231 S CK#_____ DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301 RALLY STARTS: MARCH 24TH – MARCH 30TH, 2025 EARLY DAYS: MARCH 21, 22, 23 PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE PRINT) LAST NAME______FIRST______SPOUSE/OTHER______

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IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? Y	ESNOA	RE YOU A VETERAN	? YESNO	<u> </u>		

<u>SPECIAL NEEDS:</u> MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR: LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERSVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

RATES: REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025. ALL THOSE ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINE, OR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$35 WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN REGISTERING AT THE GATE.

<u>EARLY DAYS:</u> <u>EARLY DATE FEE OF \$40 PER NIGHT PER UNIT WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE TREASURER AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.</u>

INCLUDED IN THE FEE: FULL HOOK-UPS, (30/50AMP), ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 DINNERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND A LOT OF FUN.

2 PEOPLE IN UNIT \$ 330 \$ 365 1 PERSON IN UNIT \$ 300 \$335

CAMP PASS STAYING IN UNIT ON GROUNDS AS 2ND FAMILY IN UNIT:

2 PEOPLE \$ 200
1 PERSON \$ 100
CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:
2 PEOPLE \$ 200
1 PERSON \$ 100

<u>REFUNDS:</u> ALL BUT \$35 WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BEFORE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE RALLY DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2025, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. REFUND REQUESTED AFTER RALLY STARTS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE RALLY.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Mail to: Mildred Pauwels, P.O. Box 193, Dana, N.C. 28724

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

2025 Indiana Spring Campout
April 25-27, 2025
Cornerstone Campground
75 W County Road 500 S
New Castle, Indiana, 47362
(765) 987-8700
"Celebration of Life"
Hosted by Fireflies and Coffeepots

2025 Indiana Summer Campout
August 22-23, 2025
Friends O Mine Campground
4557 IN-46
Nashville, Indiana, 47448
(812) 988-0008
Hosted by the Happy Glampers

2025 Indiana Retiree Rally
October 1-3, 2025
Shipshewana North Campground
5970 IN-5
Shipshewana, IN 46565
260 768-7770
(Reserve before September 15, 2025)
Mention that you are part of the
FCRV group.

2025 Indiana Fall Invitational
October 3-5, 2025
Shipshewana, IN 46565
260 768-7770
(Reserve before September 15, 2025)
Mention that you are part of the
FCRV group.

International Events



2025 Retiree Rally "Spring Has Sprung" March 24-30, 2025 National Peanut Festival Fairground Dothan, Alabama



2025 Campvention "Spirit of Friendship" July 20-26, 2025 James E. Ward Agricultural Center Lebanon, Tennissee



