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



Give

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
GOOD; his LOVE endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

ABUNDANTLY
Blessed

ALWAYS
grateful

FOREVER
thankful



LIFE
Love
Faith

FAMILY
Friends

HOME

CAMPING

Health
Freedom



thanks





From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Unfortunately, it is that time of year when all of us that stay here in the north have to winterize the rigs. Having to put them away and up for the winter means camping season is over for the year for some of us. For the rest of you, have safe travels on your way to the southern destinations.

Hopefully you had some ghosts or goblins visit you for Halloween. I also hope you treated them instead of playing tricks on them.

With next year's schedule already made, try to make your reservations to be able to camp with everyone. You can find the schedule of campouts elsewhere in the CHATTER. Clubs, get your schedule posted also. You never know who might crash one of your club campouts.

This is the month to be thankful for what we have and who we have in our lives. Count your blessings and try not to over indulge at the big meal at the end of the month. I am blessed to have a wonderful group of campers in our state that I can call family,

Until next time,
Ed Shaneyfelt

Here we are almost to November (on a side note we haven't turned on the heat in the house, but did in the camper on the last weekend in October)!

Well, I bet many of you are finished with your camping seasons. It's always a sad time to winterize and tuck our camper into the barn for the winter.

I don't believe there is anything from the National level that I need to report. Just remember to get your reservation in for the 2025 Campvention in Lebanon, Tennessee, before the end of the year to receive the \$25.00 discount.

Also, if you are planning on attending the Retiree Rally in Dothan, Alabama, in March, you need to get your reservation in for that.

Look at the camping schedule for next year on the back of the CHATTER. Put the campouts in your calendar so you will make sure to attend! Every Indiana campout is scheduled for 2025 season, so that should really help the chapters work their schedules around the state campouts.

I hope everyone has a Happy Halloween and get ready for Thanksgiving.

Until we all meet up again, stay warm and healthy.
Angie Shaneyfelt

Information about 2025 Summer Campout

If you are planning on attending the summer camp out August 22-24, 2025 at Friends o' Mine Campground in Nashville, Indiana, you need to RSVP the campground by April 1st. We have 30-amp and 50-amp spots blocked, but after April 1st they will open them back up to the public. The campground closes the first of November, but they do monitor their phones daily (The owners live at the campground all year round.) **Do not make reservations over the website** because it is a special event, and you need to let them know you are with FCRV. Contact information is on the back page of this CHATTER.

Thanks
John Stock
Happy Glampers

Lost and Found



This ring was found around the pavilion at Amishville after the 2024 Fall Invitational. Please contact Angie Shaneyfelt at angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com if it is yours.

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State Retiree News



Patti Thieme
FCRV Indiana State
Retiree Director

I would like to thank everyone who came to the retiree campout. It was a success. We had at least 20 units that showed up and we made some new friends.

Until we meet again around a campfire, enjoy your Thanksgiving and don't eat too much food!

Patti Thieme



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

The Coffee Pot/Fireflies have finished their 2024 camping season. Spring Mill State Park was very nice with the fall colors. Didn't get many pictures, but we enjoyed the kids in costumes.

November is a month I think of all the blessings of the past. We are thankful for the safe travels and great weather for the gatherings we shared. And yes, I can't forget the food! We have enjoyed some good feasts. Now as we winterize our units, we sigh and just smile looking to next year's schedule.

Lori and I are planning to attend the National Retiree Rally. If anyone is interested, maybe we can talk about a caravan? Just a thought.

May Your turkey be juicy, and pumpkin pie covered with Cool Whip.

Until we share another campfire,
God Bless Y'all!



Collections Coordinator +



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

Hi There,

I would like to say thanks to all of the people who brought tabs to the camp out for Riley's and for the donations to help buy items to take to Riley Hospital. You can still find deals when you are out and about Christmas shopping (or just anytime shopping). Don't forget to think about things that could cheer up the children at Riley's.

Patti Thieme



From Ron Cohee:

Camping rates for Shipshewana North Campground:



Location of 2025 Fall Invitational

Tent Site with Water and Electric	32.00
Water & Electric back-in site	36.00
Water & Electric pull-through Site	42.00
Full (Water, Electric & Sewer (back-in)	44.00
Full (Water, Electric & Sewer (pull-through)	46.00

DASAT Thoughts Marilyn Rausch

Last month we presented AAA's recommendations on checking your tires. This month the focus is on making sure your vehicle is ready for winter. Again, this is taken from the AAA website.

Winter Car Care Checklist

BATTERY AND CHARGING SYSTEM

A fully charged battery in good condition is needed to start an engine in cold weather. Especially if the battery is more than three years old, have it checked by a trained technician.

BATTERY CABLES AND TERMINALS

Check the cable ends and the terminals to assure they are free from corrosion and that the connections are tight.

DRIVE BELTS

Inspect the underside of accessory drive belts for cracks or fraying. Many newer multi-rib "serpentine" belts are made of materials that do not show obvious signs of wear. These should be replaced at 60,000 mile intervals.

ENGINE HOSES

Inspect cooling system hoses for leaks, cracks or loose clamps. Squeeze the hoses and replace any that feel brittle or excessively spongy.

TIRE TYPE AND TREAD

In areas with heavy winter weather, snow tires provide the best winter tractions. All-season tires work well in light-to-moderate snow conditions provided they have adequate tire tread (more than 3/32 inches of tread.) If tire wear is uneven, address the problems of wheel balance or suspension problems.

TIRE PRESSURE

Check the tire inflation pressures frequently as the temperature drops (pressure drops about one PSI for every 10 degrees F). Proper tire pressures may be found on a sticker inside the driver's door jamb or in the manual).

AIR FILTER

Hold the engine air filter up to a 60-watt light bulb. If light can be seen through it, it is clean enough to work. If light is blocked, replace the filter.

COOLANT LEVELS

Check the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. If it is low, add a 50/50 solution of coolant and water to maintain the necessary antifreeze capability. (An inexpensive tester to check the antifreeze protection level is available at auto parts stores.

LIGHTS

Check the operation of the headlight, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and back-up lights. Replace any burnt-out bulbs.

WIPER BLADES

Blades should completely clear the glass with each swipe. Replace blades that leave streaks or missed spots. In areas of common snow, consider installing winter wiper blades that wrap the blade frame in a rubber boot to reduce ice and snow buildup.

WASHER FLUID

Fill the windshield washer fluid reservoir with a winter cleaning solution that has antifreeze components to prevent it from freezing.

BRAKES

If there is any suspicion of a brake problem, have the system inspected by a certified technician to ensure all components are in good working order.

FLUIDS

Check transmission, brake, and power steering fluids to ensure they are at or above the minimum safe levels.

EMERGENCY ROAD KIT

A winter weather emergency kit might include:

- Mobile phone pre-programmed with rescue apps, important phone numbers, car charger.
- Drinking water
- First-aid kit
- Non-perishable snacks (human and pet)
- Traction materials (sand, salt, cat litter or traction mats)
- Snow shovel
- Blankets
- Extra gloves, hats, scarves
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Window washer solvent
- Ice scraper with brush
- Cloth or roll of paper towels
- Jumper cables
- Warning devices (flares, reflective triangles)
- Basic tool kit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench).

A little care in advance may prevent a big headache (or worse) later

**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION
FCRV/NCHA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FALL INVITATIONAL CAMPOUT
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
AMISHVILLE U.S.A. CAMPGROUND, GENEVA, INDIANA**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Shaneyfelt at 7:48 p.m. A quorum was present. The pledge of allegiance was said and Harlan Nigh gave the prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS:

All attendees introduced themselves.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by the treasurer and seconded by 108. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by 191 and seconded by 197. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conservation campout: 9 campers attended the Bill Monroe's conservation campout in May. The jobs completed ranged from scraping paint, landscaping and sweeping the stage.

Summer Campout: The Semper's hosted a wonderful campout at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer. Kyle Hahn did a wonderful presentation of his firehouse.

ANY OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

ILLINOIS: Rhonda O'Neal told us thanks for letting her enjoy our campout and said she had a wonderful time.

MICHIGAN: Marci McIntosh told us thanks for letting her enjoy our campout and we are welcome to come to any of theirs.

INDIANA: Angie told us that if we wanted another e-mail address tied to your membership with National to let her know and she can have that added.

The organization is going away from Zoom. Please refer to the Chatter or Camping Today to download Discord on our phone or computer to be able to communicate with the organization.

Angie acknowledged Ron and Pat Cohee for recruiting 5 new members to join FCRV. Ron and Pat are now in the Ambassadors Club.

Patti Thieme was thanked for all that she does for Riley hospital.

All the members that received grants from nationals for the groups that they applied for was acknowledged by Angie.

Camping Today is looking for any type of articles that you would like to submit, see pg.11 in September Camping Today. They will also be selling holiday greetings for \$5.99, see pg 12 in the current Camping Today for info on that.

The retiree rally will be held in Dotham, Alabama on March 24-30, 2024.

The national Campvention will be held in Lebanon, Tennessee from July 20-26 2025. If you get your registration in before December 31, 2024, you will save \$25.00.

Ron and Angie are going to start having a 50/50 raffle to raise some money for getting a booth at an RV show in the near future.

Stan and Fran Volzar, from Ohio, are the new National Scholarship Chairmen. Barb McHale is the new National Youth Director. Mark & Anne Braymen are the new CAMP Directors.

Angie gave out the conservation certificates for the members that attended the conservation campout.

Awards and certificates were presented to the clubs and members that had anniversaries this year.

MINUTES (Continued from page 6)

CAMPVENTION DIRECTOR:

Ed reported on the Campvention that will be next year in Lebanon, Tennessee. He informed us that Wednesday is a travel day, about how the TP raffle works, and how the hospitalities will be done next year, and the entertainment sounds like it is going to be good!

Ed then reported that the 2026 nationals will to be held in South Dakota and in 2027 it will be in Canada.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET and AUDIT: Mike Rausch said that there were few transactions from what he seen on report but would audit books after meeting and let Ed know what he finds.

C.A.M.P.: Patti Thieme had no walk cause of the rain.

CHAPLAIN: Harlan let us know that church was at 9:00 and there will be a celebration of life service for Steven Bardos.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Marilyn Rausch posts all the photos on a google album that can be found on the national website. Look under the "Chapters" tab.

SECURITY: Bo Gries from the Rainbow club said that all was secure.

TABS/RETIREEES/RILEY: Patti Thieme reported thank you for all the tabs that were brought to the campout. We had a good turnout for the retiree rally. Please keep shopping for Riley when out and about.

CHATTER EDITOR: Marilyn said that the deadline to get articles into chatter is the 25th of each month. She will extend it till Oct 2nd for this month to include the Fall Campout information.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Trustees voted to reinstate the donations for Riley. Those funds were given to Patti Thieme to purchase items. It was also commented if members wanted to give Patti donations, she will shop for them!

Ed thanked the trustees for hosting and putting on a great Fall Invitational. We had 26 units, two 2nd families and one drive in.

2025 Camp out Dates are as follows:

· Spring campout will be April 25-27, hosted by the Fireflies and Coffeepots at Cornerstone in New Castle. The cost is \$45.00 for full and \$35.00 for water and electricity. You can start calling on March 1st to make reservations, make sure you say you are with FCRV. Harlan and Lori will be dedicating benches that weekend.

· Summer campout will be August 22-24, hosted by the Happy Glampers at Friends 'O Mine campground in Nashville. \$40.00 to \$45.00 per night and you can call now to reserve. Just let them know you are with FCRV.

· Fall Invitational will be on Oct.3-5 at Shipshewana North, hosted by the Trustees, as long as they get back with us through phone call or email. Watch the chatter for price.

Hospitality for Campvention will be held on Tuesday night. The Indiana trustees decided we will be hosting one. There will be a sign-up sheet to man the table.

The regional for 2025 will be the Saturday after campvention at Lebanon, TN.

We will either go out to eat or have something catered in to enjoy each other's company. The 2026 regional will be held in Wisconsin

Donation and Raffles: none

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None

The motion was made by 108 and seconded by the Treasurer, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Submitted by

Deena Felver

Indiana FCRV State Association Secretary

Recipes Worth Sharing

PUMPKIN DUMP CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

1 15-oz can Pumpkin Puree	1/2 tsp. ginger
1 12-oz can evaporated milk	1/4 tsp cloves
3 large eggs	1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup granulated sugar	1 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup light brown sugar	1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)
1 tsp cinnamon	1/2 cup melted butter (I used 1 cup)



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, eggs, granulated sugar, brown sugar and spices. Mix until smooth.
3. Pour the pumpkin mixture into a greased 9 x 13 baking dish.
4. Sprinkle the dry yellow cake mix evenly over the pumpkin mixture. Follow with the rolled oats and (optional) chopped pecans.
5. Drizzle the melted butter evenly over the top.
6. Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
7. Serve warm or cool with a dollop of whipped cream.



STUFFING MUFFINS

A fun way to enjoy your holiday stuffing. These are easy to make ahead of time to save time and oven space on the big holiday!



INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp. Extra Virgin Olive Oil	2 tsp fresh thyme, chopped
1/2 c. salted butter	1 tsp fresh rosemary, chopped
4 stalks celery, chopped	1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 lg onion, chopped	1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
2 apples peeled and chopped	1/2 tsp kosher salt
1 cup dried cranberries	1/4 tsp freshly cracked black pepper
2 Tbsp fresh sage, chopped	1/4 c fresh parsley leaves, chopped
	12-oz bag herb seasoned cubed stuffing
	2-3 cups chicken or turkey stock

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat olive oil and butter over medium-high heat in large skillet. Add celery and onions, cooking until the onions are browned and translucent. Add all other ingredients EXCEPT the stuffing cubes and stock. Cook 1-2 minutes, stirring, then turn off heat. Add stuffing cubes and stir gently. Add 2 cups of stock, stirring until softened and moist. If making ahead, you can cover and refrigerate, otherwise continue.
2. Preheat oven to 375. Gently stir mixture and add more broth as needed, depending on how soft you like your stuffing.
3. Butter a 12-muffin tin generously. Divide stuffing mixture evenly into the cups. Bake 10-15 minutes or until nicely browned on top. Serve hot out of the oven or allow to cool, if desired. They can be reheated.



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:

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.

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

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
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 (pay upon arrival – cash/check). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Are you an FCRV member: Yes No Please provide your Member # if known: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ 2ndEmail: _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes No Are you a Veteran and what branch? _____

Number of people in your unit: Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: 9 – 12 _____ Youth: 5 – 8 _____

Total number of people in Unit: _____

****Please list the names and ages of all youth and teens on the back of this form.**

We would like to help with event(s) at Campvention. Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes No

CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.)

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: (Valid Handicap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motorhome _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Number of slide outs _____

Electricity: 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ (50amp is limited. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)

****Bring extension cords. Water available. Bring hoses and Y connectors.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention 2025 Funds

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2025

137 Crandon Blvd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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
 5622 HWY 231 S
 DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
 RALLY STARTS: MARCH 24TH – MARCH 30TH, 2025
 EARLY DAYS: MARCH 21, 22, 23

FOR REGISTRAR ONLY
 REG# _____
 CK# _____
 CASH _____
 AMT _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF OTHER: _____ #OF PEOPLE IN UNIT _____

CELL PHONE #1 _____ CELL PHONE #2 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CONFIRMATION SEN: _____ PDF _____ WORD _____

MAILED: _____ MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

REGISTERING FOR CAMPING: ON GROUND _____ OFF GROUND _____ CAMP PASS _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES _____ NO _____ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES _____ NO _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: 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.

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

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 2 ND FAMILY IN UNIT:		
2 PEOPLE	\$ 200	
1 PERSON	\$ 100	
CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:		
2 PEOPLE	\$ 200	
1 PERSON	\$ 100	

REFUNDS: 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 Coffee pots

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

(MAKE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 1, 2025)
DO NOT SCHEDULE ON THE WEBSITE.
LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE WITH FCRV

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, Tennessee

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