



# HOOSIER CHATTER

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

## Everyone was a winner at the Spring Campout!

The first State Campout of 2026 was a success, and everyone came out winners as the theme of Racing into the 2026 Camping Season materialized throughout the weekend. Friday evening hospitality lured everyone together to reconnect after the winter. Popcorn, Nuts and Bolts, and racing fuel (lemonade and turbo-charged tea) energized the group as tabletop racing warmed us up for the weekend.

Saturday morning welcomed everyone with "spare tires" (mini doughnuts) and engine starters (coffee). A good turnout decided to forego race cars for walking shoes for the C.A.M.P. walk.

After lunch Drivers and their pit-crews raced around Indiana until one team was victorious. Time even permitted a second race. (Chairs with Indiana

Cities formed the Race track. All "hometowns" of those present were represented. The Pit Crew member rolled the dice to tell the Driver how far to advance. Fun developed when more than one person "landed" on the same chair and had to share the seat!)

What is an Indiana FCRV Campout without food?? The "victory dinner" included Provided "Speedway Sliders" and a nearly unlimited sides and desserts. We never go away hungry!!

The album of pictures from the weekend is available at the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/12BDW2KJCY97N4rUA>



Thank you to our hosts, Ed and Angie!!



More photos  
Inside CHATTER



### From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Well, we Raced right into the Camping season at Greentown. I hope everyone had fun with the various race games. The games and food were great!

#### From the National Level:

The trustees and office staff have set up a virtual chapter named the Wandering Pathfinders. This club will be used for new members that join that do not have any Chapters or State organizations their area. This way the new member will fill included and may eventually attend a regional or the national campvention. John Beck from California has been appointed to be the discussion leader.

The **Dyrt** has reached out to FCRV to partner with us (after seeing our new website). Their app connects campers with other campers and shows places to camp. They are offering FCRV members a free year of their app. This is not in place at this time, so **DO NOT** try to join yet until we have more instructions to get your free year. You can look at their app to see what it is all about.

Ed Shaneyfelt, VP of Programs, will be reviewing and revising all the FCRV national programs. He hopes to have this done by the end of June.

The google calendar on the website is still being updated. On a side note, all the Indiana campouts and Chapter campouts are listed!

Carl from our National office reported again that he is done at the end of this year. He is in the process of showing the Trustees some of the systems. He wants to ensure that FCRV will continue with no office staff. His other tasks will be distributed also.

The website has a new payment system for membership renewals. It is no longer PayPal, it is a program called Stripe.

If you haven't registered for Campvention that will be in Huron, SD, you can come and pay at the  
*(See STATE DIRECTOR, Continued on page 8)*



### From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

The Spring campout was a success. It looked like everyone enjoyed the racing theme. We had a fun time hosting. I am sure there are pictures elsewhere in the Chatter.

It is not too late to still register for Campvention in Huron, South Dakota if you're still thinking about going. They have some fun events planned. The Regional is August 5-9 at Wilmot Wisconsin. It is barely across the line north of Chicago.

Don't forget to make reservations for Lazy L Lake Campground for the Summer campout on August 21-23 hosted by the Fireflies and Coffee Pots. Lets all go and "Celebrate the Holidays" with them.

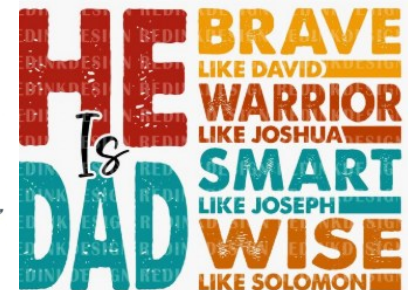
The Fall Invitational will be at Amishville on October 2-4. hosted by the trustees. Let Deena Felver know if you need a spot. The theme is "Sock Hop" We will have hospitality on Friday night. Serving breakfast Saturday morning, Games in the afternoon, and a Hamburger or Hot Dog meal with Cole slaw, potato salad, and chips.

After the meeting everyone can dust off their dancing shoes as we will have a Sock Hop. **Feel free to dig out the poodle skirts and saddle shoes if you still have them.**

We need a bid for the Summer campout for next year with a tentative one bid for the Spring. If you find the grounds, plenty of people will volunteer to help make it successful.

Make sure to remember your Fathers on Father's day and have fun camping.

Until next time  
*Ed*



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh  
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

Welcome to "Meteorological Summer". Don't know bout y'all, but I've been waiting for this. It's the time before all late summer humidity comes. I'm looking forward to the White River weekend, as we gather the week before Father's Day.

Celebrate your Dads, with us and passed. Remember all the wisdom and common sense they taught us, to pass down to our children.

As Paul wrote in Galatians 4:6, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father."

As Father's Day, Rejoice for Father in Heaven, as the sons and daughters he loves.

Until we share another campfire, God Bless .

*Harlan Nigh*

## C.A.M.P. and Collections Director



Patti Thieme  
FCRV Indiana State  
C.A.M.P. Director and  
Collections Chairman

Hi there,

Glad that I got to see a lot of people at the camp out in May!

I would like to thank everyone that brought tabs and caps to me.

There were 21 walkers with 4 dogs that participated in the camp walk. We had a very interesting walk thru the little village at the fairgrounds.

Hope to see you all in August. ready to walk again.

*Patti Thieme*



## Rest in Peace

Oneita Bowlen  
(Former Member  
of Indiana FCRV)

Oneita Marlene Bowlen, 88, of New Market, Alabama, formerly of New Palestine, Indiana, went home to be with our Lord on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Born on August 3, 1937, in Greene County, Indiana, Oneita was the daughter of Gerald Dexter Stephen and Zoethel Mae Quimby Stephen. She was a faithful member of New Palestine Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and was active for many years with the Order of the Eastern Star.

Oneita was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who deeply loved her family. She also worked as a Mary Kay consultant for more than 40 years and enjoyed the many friendships she made through the years. Oneita and her husband Phil were members of Indiana FCRV.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Eugene Bowlen; and her parents, Gerald Dexter Stephen and Zoethel Mae Quimby Stephen. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date in Indiana.



## Youth and Teen News Conservation/Wildlife

Indiana State Association FCRV  
Conservation and Wildlife Director  
Youth and Teen Director  
Misty Stuckwisch

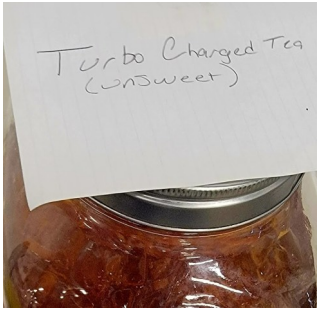
Thanks again to Ed & Angie for hosting our spring camp out. It was a fun, well organized weekend.

With all the rain we have had it's a wonder anyone can get their camper out! We have already had the lawn mower stuck in the yard and I hate to think what the farmers are going thru in our area. My brother-in-law simply said he would wait for it to dry out and try again, that's what crop insurance is for. Such a good attitude, I wish I was always so positive.

Our club is camping this weekend and again in a couple of weeks. It feels so good to get out and about. Our schedule is in the Chatter, please feel free to join us and share your club's schedule, too. Please share your favorite camping locations, too. We are always looking for a new place to camp and what better recommendations than from our own camping friends?!

*Misty*

# Campers, Start your Engines!





Drivers lined up and ready to go...



Pit crews making last minute strategies...



"Winners"

"Losers"



**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION  
FCRV/NCHA  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SPRING CAMPOUT  
MAY 9, 2026  
HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Shaneyfelt at 7:06 pm. A quorum was present.

The pledge of allegiance was said and Harlen led us in prayer.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

All the attendees introduced themselves.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by 200 and seconded by 201. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Motion to accept was made by 197 and seconded by 200. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fall Invitational will be Oct 2-4, 2026, at Amishville campground.

The RV Show was a success; we got a lot of inquiries and gained 1 couple.

The Spring campout made a profit of \$185.32.

ANY OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

**STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Angie, reported the national dues must be paid online only and for only 1-year memberships.

The National Trustees decided to discontinue the program certificates. If you have certificates, you can use them in South Dakota at central registration, or Campvention registration/ central registration 2027.

Campvention 2027 is going to be July 11-17, 2027, at Calhoun County Fairgrounds in Marshall, Michigan.

If you are renting grounds for an event and asked to show proof of insurance there is a form on the FCRV website. If the location needs your name listed, there will be a \$100 charge for that insurance document.

Check out the FCRV website, it has been updated.

**Campvention notes:**

South Dakota has a few under 100 registered at this

time.

If you are interested in receiving a door prize, you must take a door prize. Value should be \$10.00 and \$15.00.

There will be a stock car race on July 4th, 2026, at South Dakota and the price to attend will be \$17.00. After the race will be fireworks.

They are wanting everyone to bring \$2.00 bills to spend in Huron to show our financial impact on the community.

They are doing a food pantry.

Indiana will host a hospitality again this year. We are planning on serving popcorn. If you are attending please volunteer to help.

The Great Lakes Regional will be August 5-9, 2026, at Wilmot, WI. The theme will be Renaissance. There will be a dinner on Saturday evening, and we will be playing live battleship game among other activities. There is also a drag strip close by the campground.

**VP OF PROGRAMS:**

Ed told us that in the next 6 to 8 weeks there will be a lot of new information. They are planning on being a completely virtual office by January.

All programs will be reviewed and revised by the end of June.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BUDGET and AUDIT:** John Stock and Paul Schlup have nothing to report at this time. But Ed requested that an audit be done at Amishville.

**C.A.M.P., Tabs, Riley, Retiree:** Patti Thieme reported that we had 21 walkers and 4 dogs that walked. Patti thanked everyone that brought her tabs and caps.

**CHAPLAIN:** Harlen and Lori Springer Nigh reported they are having church at 9:30 Sunday. Harlen also reported that there will still be a queen and king for retiree rally.

**HISTORIAN:** Stacy Davis had no report at this time.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Marilyn Rausch said that whoever took pictures to please send them to her and she would put them in the google file.

*(See MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Continued on page 8)*

# Recipes worth Sharing

## CHICKEN CABBAGE STIR FRY

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 pound chicken breast, thinly sliced
- 1 small head of cabbage, chopped
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 carrot, julienned
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 2-3 tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp red chili flakes
- 1 tsp cornstarch + 2 tbsp water.

### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil in large pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken, season lightly, and cook until browned. Remove and set aside.
2. In same pan, cook onion and garlic until fragrant.
3. Add cabbage, carrot and bell pepper. Stir fry for 3-5 minutes until slightly tender, but still crisp.
4. Return chicken to the pan. Add soy sauce, sesame oil, pepper, and chili flakes.
5. Stir in the cornstarch slurry, and cook until glossy.
6. Serve over rice or noodles.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Continued from page 7)

**SECURITY:** No report

**CHATTER EDITOR:** Marilyn Rausch said that the deadline to get anything into Chatter is the 28th of each month and that the Chatter is going well. If you are not getting the Chatter notification, you need to get your e-mail address to her so she can add you to the list.

**YOUTH/TEENS & CONSERVATION:** Misty Stuckwich suggested to members to submit Wildlife Grants, the form was on the FCRV website.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The Summer Campout at Lazy L Lake in West Terre Haute will be Aug 21-23. The campout is in planning phase and the theme is "Come Celebrate the Holidays with us". This will be hosted by the Fireflies and Coffee Pots.

The Fall Invitational will be held at Amishville, in Geneva, on Oct 2-4 with the theme being "Sock Hop"

50/50 raffle drawing was conducted. Angie Shaneyfelt won. \$48.50 will be deposited into the Membership Training account.

**ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** None

The motion was made by 201 and the Treasurer 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by  
Deena Felver

gate. This will be "Where the Flock Gathers"! Hope you can attend; they have many activities planned with their partnership of Maga Ta-Hopi (Huron Wetlands) group.

If you haven't registered for the Great Lakes Regional, you can mail that registration form (look for form in this Chatter) to me. The Regional will be August 5-9 in Wilmot, WI. The theme is Renaissance. Connie Black, the Regional Director, has provided a list of things to see and do in the area. Look for that list elsewhere in this edition.

The next state campout will be at Lazy L Campground in West Terre Haute, Indiana, in August, make sure you get your reservation in for that.

Amishville in Geneva will be our Fall Invitational, contact Deena Felver regarding your site for that campout in October.

Keep racing through the camping season, as we all know it goes way faster than we want it to!

*Angie Shaneyfelt*

Indiana FCRV State Director

# 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 2026 Camping Schedule

June 12-14, 2026	Whiteriver Campground 11299E 234th St Cicero, IN 46034 Make a reservation on January 2nd	
July 5-12, 2026	Campvention	Campvention
August 5-9, 2026	Kenosha County Fairgrounds Wilmot, WI	Regional Campout
August 21-23, 2026	Lazy L Campground 545 Lazy Lake Rd West Terre Haute, IN 47885 812-533-1562	Summer Campout Fireflies and Coffeepots Hosting
September 18-20	Starve Hollow State Park 4345 S 275 W Vallonia, IN 47281	Make Reservation in March
September 30-October 1, 2026	Amishville Campground Geneva, Indiana	Retiree Rally Contact Deena Felver For reservations
October 2-4, 2026	Amishville Campground Geneva, Indiana	Fall Invitational Contact Deena Felver For reservations



# Happy Glampers 2026 Camping Schedule

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June 25-28	Starve Hollow SRA	Vallonia, IN
July 23-26	Cornerstone Campground	New Castle, IN
Aug 10-13	Prophetstown State Park	West Lafayette, IN
Aug 21- 23	Lazy L Campground- Terre Haute	Summer Campout
Sept 10-13	Mississinewa Lake	Peru, IN
Sept 28-29	Shipshewana North Campground	Flea Market
Sept 30-Oct 1	Amishville Campground- Geneva, IN	Retiree Rally
Oct 2-4	Amishville Campground- Geneva, IN	Fall Invitational
Oct 15-18	R Journey Campground	Muncie, IN

For further information, contact  
John or Rose Stock (all12stock@aol.com)

# YOUR CHAIR AWAITS

Your Chair Awaits #2 - 8-1-23



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- Wildlife & Conservation
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**2026 Great Lakes Regional Campout**  
**Kenosha County Fairgrounds**  
**30820 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Wilmot, WI**  
**August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Teens: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration**

Activity Fee - \$25.00      Camping - \$40.00 per night

Activity Fee at the gate will be \$30.00

All camp sites have 30 or 50 amp electricity and water hookup

**Amount Due:**

Pre-Registration: \$25.00

Number of Camping Nights: \_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or pay at arrival for camping)

Total Monies Sent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: Great Lake Region

Send pre-registration to: Angie Shaneyfelt

1466 W. 750 N.

Decatur, IN 46733

Questions? Contact Connie Black at [Greatlakes4@yahoo.com](mailto:Greatlakes4@yahoo.com)

# Summer Campout: Let's celebrate the Holidays Together



Lazy-L Campground

545 Lazy Lake Rd

West Terre Haute, IN 47885

Aug 21-23



(\$10 Activity Fee to be collected Friday evening)

## Friday Night:

**6:00 Christmas:** Come try some of our favorite Christmas Cookies (wear your favorite Christmas gear)

Stay to visit with friends

## Saturday

**9:00** CAMP walk

**9:30** Fleas/Marketplace

**10:00 Thanksgiving** craft: Let's make the cutest little turkey

**12:00** Trustees meeting (trustees only) Bring your own lunch

**2:00 Easter:** Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt (for kids of all ages)

**Following the egg hunt Memorial Day:** Let's remember our good friends

**5:00 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day:** We're having an old-fashioned picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Bring your favorite picnic side dish, drink and place setting

**After the picnic:** cards, games and visiting with friends

## Sunday

**9:30 Valentines Day:** Church with Harlan and Lori



# 2027 Fall Invitational



## AMISHVILLE CAMPGROUND

844 E 900 S  
 Geneva, Indiana  
 October 2-4, 2026

Amishville has asked us to have one person make our members reservations.

**Deena Felver will be our contact person for this.**

You can email Deena at [cdfelver@metalink.com](mailto:cdfelver@metalink.com) or text her at 419-203-6627.

You will need to tell her what site/price you want to be in.

You will pay for your camping at the Amishville Campground office when you arrive.

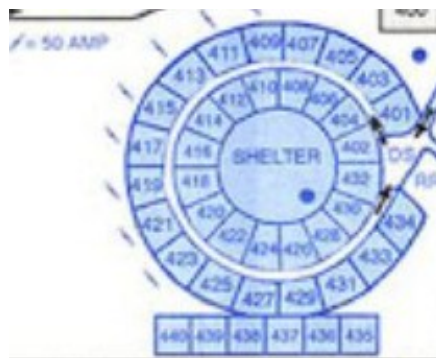
### Rates for next year are:

- 30 amp electric/water \$29.00
- 50 amp electric/water \$36.00

Pull thru sites (405-417 odd numbers):

- 30 amp electric/water \$33.00
- 50 amp electric/water \$38.00

We will be in the wagon wheel loop inside and outside, we also have the row on the outside. On the map below, the outside loop with dashes are 50 amp sites. Pull thru sites are 405-417



## NOTICE

The RETIREE CAMPOUT will precede the FALL INVITATIONAL at the same location. September 30-October 1, 2026

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Indiana State Events

**2026 Summer Campout**  
**“Let’s Celebrate the Holidays Together”**  
 August 21-23, 2026  
 Lazy-L Campground  
 West Terre Haute, Indiana  
 Hosted by the  
 Fireflies  
 Coffee Pot Campers

**2026 Retiree Campout**  
 September 30-October 1, 2026  
 Amishville Campground  
 Geneva, Indiana  
 To make reservations  
 Contact Deena Felver

**2026 Fall Invitational**  
**“Sock Hop”**  
 October 2-October 4, 2026  
 Amishville Campground  
 Geneva, Indiana  
 To make reservations  
 Contact Deena Felver

## Regional Events

**2026 Great Lakes Regional Campout**  
**“Renaissance”**  
 August 5-9, 2026  
 Kenosha County Fairgrounds  
 Wilmot, Wisconsin.  
 (Watch for more information)



**2026 FCRV International Campvention**  
**“Where the Flock Gathers”**  
 July 5-11, 2026  
 Early Bird Days July 3-4, 2026  
 South Dakota State Fairgrounds  
 1060 3rd St. SW, Huron, SD 57350

<https://fcrv.org/campvention-2026/>

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