



HOOSIER CHATTER

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

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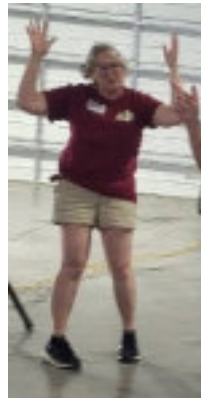
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL

the Great Lakes Regional in Wilmot, Wisconsin, August 5-9 had a "Renaissance" theme. From the more traditional activities (corn hole, puzzles, hospitalities, etc.) to the unique costumes, jousting, archery, sword fighting, and even a trip to Laverne and Shirley's brewery, great times and great memories prevailed!

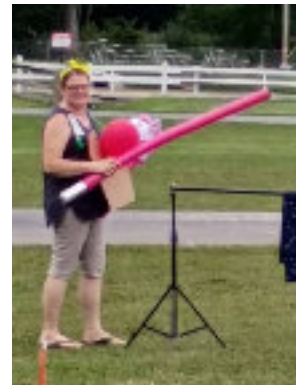


At the Great Lakes Regional Campout in Wisconsin, Indiana served apple-spice muffins for our hospitality.

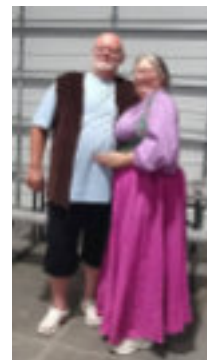
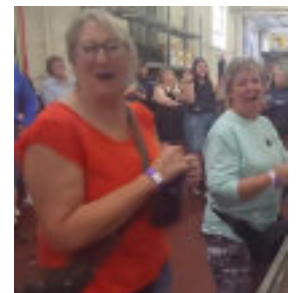
The "Renaissance" theme was celebrated with some authentic costumes!



Angie shows how the Hokey Pokey should be done. Misty is ready for some Renaissance games. Ed scooped in all the cards, and



Angie and Rhonda became Laverne and Shirley for an impromptu performance (see below for link).



Does the Great Lakes Region have talent?

You decide as you enjoy watching some of our own recreate an unforgettable scene from an iconic TV show!

<https://www.facebook.com/100000012570198/videos/pcb.1594749598827654/2022477485061712>



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Much of this 1st paragraph was "taken" from the Illinois State Director's recent article (Thank Rhonda O'Neal for your help):

In my last update I summarized Campvention. Since then, we had the Great Lakes Regionals in Wilmot, Wisconsin. We had about 20 units and the theme was "Renaissance".

We enjoyed games on Friday night (provided by Marci McIntosh) such as Jousting, arrow shooting, sword fighting and pall-mall (croquet). A good time was had by all.

Thursday night entertainment was done by our own Sky Med Rep Stan, and it wasn't a sky med presentation (that was on Saturday morning). He was a celebrity when he was a child. He and his family were in show business. He performed acrobatics with his dad and siblings. They traveled the US and were on television shows like Ed Sullivan. He showed us video of his performances, and I have to say WOW. It was really interesting and the stories and the photos he had were all very entertaining.

Saturday, a group of us went into Milwaukee and had our very own tour guides Craig and Janie from Milwaukee. We went to a Brewery tour where they pay tribute to "Laverne and Shirley" and 2 of our members performed the theme song and put a glove on a bottle (if you know you know. You can scan Facebook for a video).

We then went to a speakeasy and had lunch. This place was definitely something to see. Anyone and everyone that is famous has been there including Presidents of the United States. Very fun afternoon.

We came back to the Fairgrounds to get ready for dinner and Viking Battleship which a lot of us dressed the part (thanks to Hal and Sheri Coffen) for bringing costumes for everyone. When that was done, everyone went back to the regular attire and we spent time playing cards, putting puzzles together and visiting.

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From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

We had a great time at the regional campout in Wisconsin. Connie, Hal and Sharri planned a wonderful weekend. We even had a Laverne and Shirley impersonation (Angie and Rhonda). Check out the facebook post or ask Angie about it when you see her.

Even though the weekend was cut short due to Mother Nature's flooding, the Summer campout was a blast. The Fireflies did a wonderful job with all their planned activities. The meal was wonderful and seeing everyone was a blast.

The trustees would like to invite you to come to Amishville on October 2 through the 4th. The theme is "Sock Hop." We will be serving rootbeer float pies for hospitality on Friday night. Saturday morning we are serving breakfast consisting of pancakes and sausage links. We are planning some sock hop games in the afternoon and for supper we are serving Hot dogs, Sloppy joes, potato salad, cole slaw, and chips. **Bring your own tableware and drinks for both meals.** We will have a meeting then dance the night away.

For next year's camping schedule we have 2 bids that were approved. First the Spring campout will be April 30 through May 2 at Howard County Fairgrounds. The theme is "Trouble at Tumbleweed Trailer Park." It is a murder mystery hosted by Denise McKerlie. The Summer campout will be on August 19-22 at Cornerstone campground with a baseball theme hosted by the Happy Glampers.

Until next time

Ed Shaneyfelt



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STATE DIRECTOR, (Continued from page 2)

Sunday morning, we had church service held by Harlan and then we packed up and said our good byes.

This Last sentence is from Rhonda and I totally agree: "It's times like this that I am so thankful for this organization. I probably would not have thought about going to visit Milwaukee but because of FCRV and having Regionals in that area I not only went to Milwaukee I got to know Craig and Janie better, got to sing at a Brewery tour and ate at speakeasy. I look forward to times like that, and I hope you do too."

So, this is the fun that can happen at our Regional, or any other gathering. Next year our Great Lakes Regional will be in Illinois. As soon as location and dates are decided, I'll report to you all to get on your calendars!

The Indiana Summer campout at Lazy L Campout in West Terre Haute was a really fun time. The Fireflies had great activities planned (even the craft wasn't that bad, thanks Pat)!

Everyone enjoyed the time to visit, but we were cut short by rising waters. Glad we got our meal so we could all head home with full bellies! Lazy L Campground made it right with all of us, as those were not the plans for the campground either! This was the first time I have ever had to cut a campout

short, I guess it just adds to the memories.

The FCRV National Trustees have partnered with Dyr. See article in this edition on [page 6](#).. If you sign up, you have to enter a credit or debit card number. If you want to cancel after your year's FREE subscription, you will need to sign in and cancel that subscription before it expires. If you forget, your card will get charged (I see this every day in my Credit Union)!

If you have not joined the new Great Lakes Facebook Group, you need to do that. On Facebook, search for: Great Lakes Region of FCRV (Family Campers & Rvers). We are going to cross post our campouts to that group to invite our region to join us...and in return, maybe you will see one in a neighboring state you want to join! Let's cross-camp with our region, support the other states and meet new people.

Until Amishville, stay safe. We are predicting a great turnout of Indiana members and surrounding Great Lakes members. Rumor has it the National FCRV President, Linda Hennie and her husband Dave will be attending. Get ready to dance the night away at the Sock Hop!

Angie Shaneyfelt

Indiana FCRV State Director



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

I'm sending out prayers for all those who were affected by the flooding. For those who attended, it cut our Summer Campout short. With calm and cool action, we were packing and assisting others to evacuate in a timely manner.

Lori and I have a couple of friends, not part of club, that had permanent sites at Cornerstone and White Water Campgrounds that lost everything.



As the season winds down I'm hearing of good events in the works for next year. Thanks to those planning for full season.

Till we share another campfire, God Bless 🙏

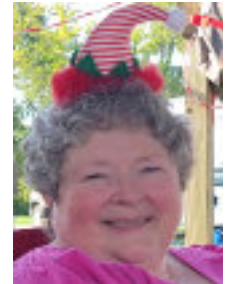
Harlan Nigh

2026 SUMMER CAMPOUT

The Coffee Pot Campers and the Fireflies invited the members of the Indiana FCRV to Celebrate the Holidays with them at Lazy L Lake Campground in West Terre Haute, Indiana, the weekend of August 21-23, 2026. We celebrated well until a text message from the Campground managers urged us to evacuate the upcoming flood waters. Since supper was being prepared, we ate together and then prepared our departure. Since the membership meeting was eliminated, Ed and Angie gave their reports as we ate. The weekend was not a "wash," though, since the weather was beautiful and the activities prepared for us were delightful! Here are a few pictures to prove the point!!



Christmas cookies and little gifts made the Friday night hospitality a festive time. Holiday dress and an ice-breaker Bingo game added to the fun!



After a C.A.M.P. walk and marketplace, Thanksgiving was celebrated by crafting a unique Turkey decoration~



The Easter Egg hunt was not for kids only... in addition to the candy and gift tickets, there was a generous financial incentive in one egg!



Before the Wabash River rudely interrupted our plans, a 4th-of-July picnic consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, and lots of side dishes.



In between the planned activities, there was time for enjoying the water activities that the campground provided, playing games, and visiting.



And then, this.....



Dear FCRV Members,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new partnership between FCRV and The Dyrt, the nation's leading camping review and discovery platform. www.thedyrt.com

A Partnership Built on Shared Values

The Dyrt's community manager approached us with a vision for collaboration that aligns perfectly with FCRV's mission: connecting RV enthusiasts with exceptional camping experiences. After careful consideration, our Board of Trustees is confident this partnership will deliver meaningful value to our membership while expanding FCRV's reach to hundreds of thousands of new potential supporters.

What This Partnership Means for You

Exclusive Member Benefits: Your membership just became even more valuable. Every FCRV member will receive one year of complimentary access to The Dyrt Pro membership—a premium tier that includes enhanced campground reviews, advanced filtering, offline maps, and exclusive camping guides. This benefit alone is worth substantial savings for members who regularly plan camping trips.

Financial Support for FCRV: When members activate their free Pro membership through this partnership, The Dyrt will contribute to FCRV for each signup. These contributions directly support our mission and help us continue advocating for RV camping and member interests.

Greater Visibility for FCRV

Beyond member benefits, this partnership amplifies FCRV's voice in the camping community:

- **Massive Reach:** The Dyrt will feature FCRV in promotional campaigns reaching their 500,000+ member email community
- **Social Media Promotion:** FCRV will gain visibility across The Dyrt's social media platforms, introducing our organization to camping enthusiasts who may not yet know about us
- **Featured Magazine Article:** FCRV will be prominently featured in The Dyrt Magazine, showcasing our organization's mission and impact to their engaged readership

Simple and Seamless

Getting started is easy. Look for details in upcoming communications about how to claim your complimentary Pro membership. It takes just minutes to activate and start enjoying the benefits immediately.

We believe this partnership strengthens FCRV by providing tangible member benefits while expanding our community and securing resources to better serve you. We're excited about the opportunities ahead.

Thank you for your continued membership and support. Respectfully,
The Board of Trustees, Family Campers and RVers

Recipes worth Sharing

HAM SLIDERS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Pounds shaved deli ham
- 1 cup barbeque sauce
- 1/2 c brown sugar
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 16 slider buns

DIRECTIONS

1. Place shaved deli ham in the slow cooker, separating it lightly so it is not packed.
2. In a small bowl, stir together the barbeque sauce, brown sugar, and Dijon mustard. Pour over the ham.
3. Cover and cook on low for 2-3 hours, stirring once or twice until ham is hot and fully coated with the sauce.
4. Stir well, then spoon onto slider buns. Serve warm.



some handy tips:

1. Add a slice of Swiss, provolone, or cheddar cheese to each slider.
2. If you like a sharper flavor stir in a spoonful of pickle juice or extra Dijon at the end of cooking.
3. Make a day ahead of time. Refrigerate covered, add a splash of water as you reheat it.
4. For a crowd, keep in a warm slow cooker and allow guests to assemble their own sandwiches.



EASY FRUITY CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 can of cherry pie filling
- 3 eggs

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients well.
2. Pour into a 9x13 inch baking pan.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes until tests done.

VARIATIONS

- Lemon Cake mix with blueberry pie filling.
- Spice Cake mix with apple pie filling.
- Chocolate cake mix with cherry pie filling.
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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.

Happy Glampers 2026 Camping Schedule

Happy Glampers 2026 Camping Schedule		
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)		

Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2026 Camping Schedule

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

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 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

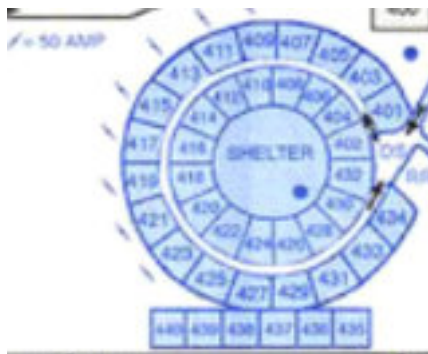
50 amp electric/water \$36.00

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





"GATHER ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI"

55TH FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY

RIVER VIEW RV PARK & RESORT

100 RIVER VIEW PKY

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA 71373

318-336-1400

(RALLY) MARCH 14-20, 2027

(EARLY DAYS) MARCH 12-14, 2027

FOR REGISTRATION ONLY

REG # _____

CHECK # _____

CASH _____

AMOUNT _____

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 SENT: PDF _____ WORD _____ EMAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

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

LENGTH OF UNIT: _____ TYPE OF UNIT: MOTOR HOME _____ PULL BEHIND _____ 5TH WHEEL _____ TENT _____

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 RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS. NAME OF SPECIAL NEED PERSON _____

REGISTRATION FORMS: ALL THOSE ATTENDING MUST PRE-REGISTERED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2027 DEADLINE TO SECURE YOU A SITE. AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$35 WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN REGISTERING AT THE GATE.

EARLY DAYS: EARLY DAY FEE WILL BE COLLECTED BY RIVER VIEW RV PARK & RESORT. YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE YOUR EARLY DAY RESERVATIONS WITH THEM. APPROXIMATELY \$45 PER NIGHT. THEY SHOULD PUT YOU ON A SITE THAT YOU CAN STAY FOR THE ENTIRE RALLY. PLEASE LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE WITH THE FCRV RETIREE RALLY.

THEY DO OFFER DISCOUNT RATES: VETERANS, GOOD SAMs, AARP, ETC.

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

RATES:

2 PEOPLE IN UNIT: \$385 AT GATE: \$420

1 PERSON IN UNIT: \$355 \$390

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

2 PEOPLE \$145

1 PERSON \$115

CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:

2 PEOPLE \$145

1 PERSON \$115

REFUNDS: ALL BUT \$50 WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BEFORE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE RALLY DEADLINES OF FEBRUARY 15, 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: _____



FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2027 CAMPVENTION

"Dreams Begin"

July 11-17, 2027

Calhoun County Fairgrounds

720 Fair St, Marshall, MI 49068



REGISTRATION:

Welcome to Campvention 2027. 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 2027 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2026, to receive a \$30.00 discount (\$395.00).

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$425.00	\$450.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$205.00	\$225.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (July 11 - 17)	\$205.00	\$225.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$40.00	\$50.00

Early Bird Days: July 8-10 @ \$35/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check)

Is this your first Campvention?: _____ Are you an FCRV Member?: _____ Member #: _____

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

Address: _____

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

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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.**

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

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

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Thursday 7/8 _____ Friday 7/9 _____ Saturday 7/10 _____

CAMPVENTION HELP: Would you like to help with event(s)? Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes _____ No _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention 2027

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2027

635 Atlantic St.

Milford, MI 48381

For inquiries please call Marci at 313-590-3092

or Linda at 248-797-5030

Confirmations will be sent via Email.

Please allow a month for processing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

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)

2027 Summer Campout

April 30-May 2, 2027
Howard County Fairgrounds
Greentown, Indiana

"Trouble at Tumbleweed Trailer Park"
(A murder mystery)

Hosted by Denise and Russell McKerlie

2027 Summer Campout

August 19-22, 2027
Cornerstone Campground
"Baseball"

Hosted by Happy Glampers

International Events



55th International Retiree Rally
"Gather on the Mighty Mississippi"
March 14-20, 2027

(Early Days March 12-14, 2027)
River View RV Park and Resort
100 River View Parkway
Vidalia, Louisiana 71373
318-336-1400



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