

*The Monthly* Your who, what, where and sometimes why guide to camping at Poor Farmer's RV

# CHATTER

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# FIREWORKS!

# 2022 KICK-OFF

MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**PUBLIC WELCOME!**  
**\$5/CARLOAD**

- 9am **Ice Cream Breakfast!** Intrigued? Come to the Big Shelter and find out... bring \$ for donation.
- 10:30am **Mother's Day Craft with Christy** Create a masterpiece for Mom.
- 1pm **Paint w/ Paula** Sign up in the Parts Store. Cost is \$5
- 4pm **Light-it-up BINGO** Win light up prizes for the Fireworks later. \$.50/card (10 player minimum)
- 5:30pm **Dinner w/ Fletcher FD** Proceeds go to The Fletcher Fire Department
- 6pm **Fletcher Fire Dept Gun Card Sale** Bring cash to donate and buy cards for guns.
- 7pm **TOMMY KNOX AND THE OVERDRIVE BAND!**
- 8pm **Raffle drawings** Enter the 50/50 or gun raffle. Buy tickets at the Parts Store or at any event.
- 9:30pm **Fireworks!** Mike Elsner and American Fireworks will impress your senses.



**Camping: \$50/Night**

**Fire Department Dinner**

**Gun Raffle: Pre-sale/\$10 & Cards/ \$10-\$20**

**Fire Dept. Dinner**

Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato  
Salad, Chips and a Drink.

**\$8 Donation**

# Memorial Day Weekend

May 27<sup>th</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup>

**28th**

**10AM-** Golf Cart Show, Obstacle Course and Parade @ Pull Track  
No cost for this event. Prizes to Obstacle Course winners and Best of Show

**7PM-** Strawberry Shortcake w/ Ice Cream  
Enjoy this summer treat with friends and family. Bowls are \$2.50/each

**7:30PM-** Blind Auction  
Want to know what's in the box? The highest bidder will get that answer.

**29th**

**2PM-** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Campground Poker Run  
Meet at the Camp Office. Tour the campground in your golf cart, bike or on foot to find the games to earn the cards.

**4PM-** BINGO \$.50/card 10 player minimum

**7PM-** Karaoke W/ Mad Dog Karaoke  
It only takes a couple cans of liquid courage to get up on stage.

**30th**

**1PM-** Fletcher parade begins in downtown Fletcher.

**4PM-** Parking begins for the Spring Tractor & Engine Show/Flea Market

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# Speed Limit

# 5 MPH

# Charlie's Chat

## The Hatcher/Welch Clan

Raise your hand if you do, or would, live in your RV. Now raise your hand if your spouse would live with you. Now raise your hand if you would live in your RV with your spouse and two kids. I bet there aren't too many hands up in the air right now... unless your reading this article in the Hatcher/Welch household; cause if you were, there would be 16 hands of all different sizes up in the air. You heard correctly, 16 hands connected to a Mommy (Britney), a Daddy (Tim), and six kids: (4) boys and (2) girls. Jayden 18, Elijah 10, James 9, Reid 5, Margo 3, Martin 2 ½ months. Let's not leave out Grandma and Grandpa Welch. Robin and Roy are a large part of these kids lives... it takes a village. Tim and Britney have been married for 10 years and have been raising their family at Poor Farmer's for the past six years. So we have seen the birth and life of three of their children. I remember when Reid was born. She liked me right up until the day she could open her eyes and see, then it was, "Get that guy away from me!" Margo, however, has loved me her whole life. From day one that little cutie was smiling and hugging me like I was her long lost teddy bear. Tim has his work cut out for him when these two girls get older.

It has been a pleasure watching these kids grow up. Jayden has been helping get activities set up since the day they moved in. He still is a big help to us when he is available. He works evenings at Wings and Rings in Piqua, attends school at Miami East where he is a star sprinter on the Track team, and oddly enough, plays with his little brothers quite often. He even still finds time to help us with our Haunted Shelter in years past. Watching Jayden turn from a good kid to a hard working man has been a wonderful thing to witness.

Eli and James are the closest in age (9 & 10). These boys stay active like how us older folks used to live... outside. I see holes in the knees of their dirt covered pants and it brings me back to the days of when I was a kid. My mom would have to sew patches over patches in my clothes just to get a couple months wear out of them.

Eli and James have also found a direct path to my heart. A couple years ago, Eli asked me if I would teach him how to play golf... I almost teared up. I had a small set of clubs that I let him use and we went to the driving range for some fundamental golf knowledge. The next time we went, James tagged along with some golf clubs he had received from another

friend. I can't tell you how proud I was to have these two gentlemen on the range with me. They were respectful to me, the other golfers, and to each other. "Nice shot James." Eli would compliment. "Why thank you Eli." James would retort. It was almost creepy how mature they acted.

About a year ago, Britney told us that they were pregnant again. We were excited to hear their news and all wondered if this would be their last child, but I'm not sure we got the answer to that one. Two and a half months ago, Martin graced us with his presence. Seeing all these kids dote over their little brother lets me know that he will be raised with just as much love as the rest of them.

Britney is a dog lover. She spends her days tending to the needs of dogs and their owners at a small groomer in Troy. She takes wonderful care of our pooch, Jax. He loves spending the day with her. Britney is a hard worker. She was working right up until she had Martin. Being her sixth kid, she probably just took a quick lunch break, popped him out, then went back to work. Look at the picture to the right; that's Brit when she worked for me in our service department. She is a talented and hard working woman who lives for her kids. Tim works for IPS. Not International Parcel Service, that is where Kevin James works in the TV show *King of Queens*. Integrated Protection Services installs and maintains security systems and the like for all sorts of applications. I am sure you have seen Tim's work truck around the campground. As a father, Tim has the kind of temperament needed to raise six kids. He follows a fine line of "Did anyone Die?" and "What did your mom say?"

I mentioned earlier the role Grandma and Grandpa Welch play in these kids lives. While Tim and Britney are working, Grandma Welch is attending to, educating, and instilling morals in these young human beings; and Grandpa Welch, that old Marine is good for toughening them up and throwing in some quality discipline that only boot camp can teach you.

Having this family at Poor Farmer's has been an honor. Tim and Britney have not only done a great job with their family, but have accepted many Hobart students as surrogate kids also. With all this family does and with all they contribute to the campground, they only have one simple request from each and every one of you... PLEASE GO 5 MPH IN THE CAMPGROUND!

We have numerous families spending time at Poor Farmer's. The five mile per hour speed limit is for the safety of the kids that run into the gravel road without looking. It is for the older folks who can't move out of



the way very fast and because with gravel, it is hard to stop on a dime.

The Hatcher/Welch family is often seen cruising the campground in the biggest and yellowest golf cart around. They attend many of the events we host and are always well behaved... at least the kids are. Growing up at Poor Farmer's is unique. I have seen families half this size come spend a weekend with us and when they leave the parents look like they need another week alone just to recover, but Tim and Britney do it everyday. They have done a remarkable job and when these kids turn into grown men and women, they will have the same work ethic, moral character and respect for others that they were lovingly taught... by the village. FYI, the village drives 5MPH through campground.



They love Grandparent's Weekend!

This one was from 2017





# Site of the Month

Dave and Sherry Harshbarger

The first award for Site of the Month for 2022 goes to Dave and Sherry Harshbarger on site #430. Dave and Sherry have always had a nice, clean, well-manicured campsite. Their recent additions have turned their site from nice to amazing.

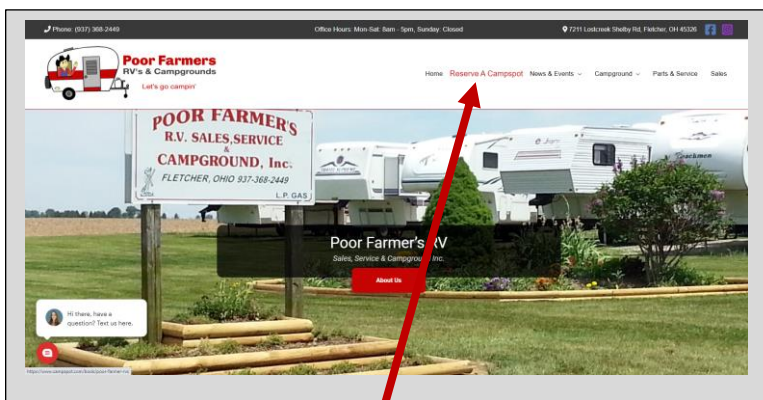
This country themed site is adorned with a hitching post, horseshoes, and some neatly done timber art. Along with a nicely built platform and some other classy accessories, this campsite is one to admire. Thank you Dave and Sherry for creating a beautiful site for all of us to enjoy. For their effort, Dave and Sherry will receive free dumps on Tuesday for the entire month of May. Great job guys!

## How to make a reservation at Poor Farmer's RV

Poor Farmer's RV has been operating for 53 years and in the 53 years we have never had a reservation system for individual sites. The first come – first served approach has worked up until the last few years. What happened to bring this change to Poor Farmer's? Technology. You see, Poor Farmer's normally operates about ten to fifteen years behind the rest of the developed world. When other campgrounds were hooking up wifi, we set up a box TV in the back corner of the parts store and called it a waiting room. When other RV dealerships were uploading their inventory to excel spreadsheets and Inventory Control Databases, Poor Farmer's had a file drawer full of paper files.

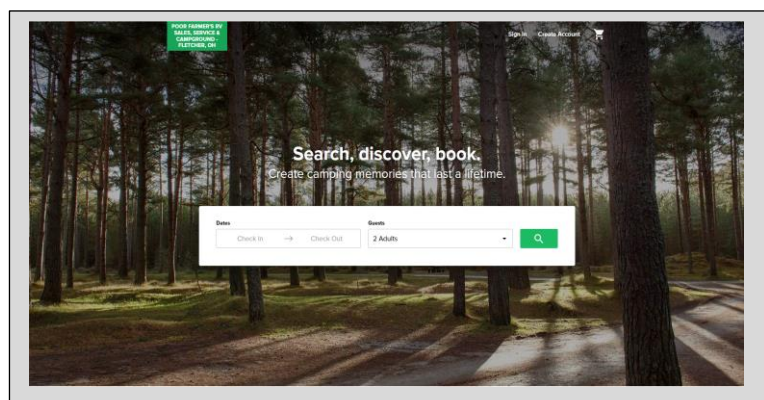
As time moves on, so must our reliance on technology. Now, our customers are able to pull out their phones, log onto our website and reserve a camp spot many days ahead of time. It's almost like seeing into the future. I will go through the step-by-step process of reserving a campspot at Poor Farmer's RV. Please know, that if you have any problems with getting your reservation made, we are here to help you. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- We are not taking reservations for our Tractor Show/Flea Market week. We will operate in the same fashion we always have and start parking customers on the start of the week on a first come – first served basis. So if you try to make a reservation that includes any day from the Sunday prior to the flea market, the system will not let you.
- Not every campsite is reservable online. You will be able to see the sites available online during the reservation process.
- Some weekends will have a different camping rate. Our opening season (May 6,7,8) is \$50/night because of the extra cost of the fireworks. Other weekends might have an adjusted rate due to events and availability.
- We may soon have the ability to put “extras” on the reservation platform, like: activity payments, firewood, ice, etc.
- We ask that you still stop into the camp office when it's open when you arrive at the campground. The check-in time will be much shorter if you set everything up online first.
- Please remember that this system is new to us. We will have some bugs to work out. We ask that everyone is patient with us and our staff while we learn the ins and outs of this platform.
- The speed limit is 5MPH



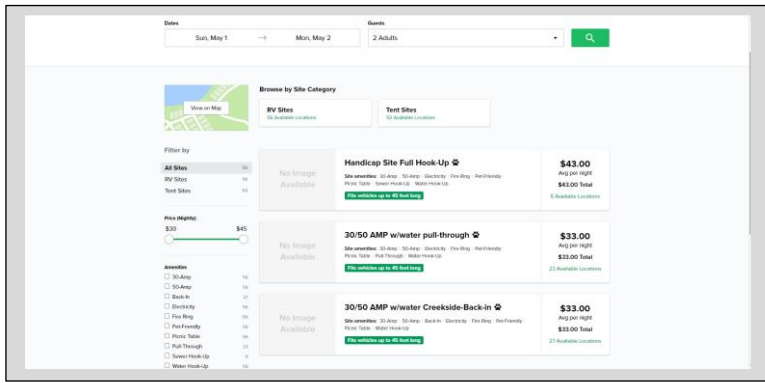
Step One

Go to [www.poorfarmerrvs.com](http://www.poorfarmerrvs.com) and click on the “Reserve A Campspot” option in the menu section.



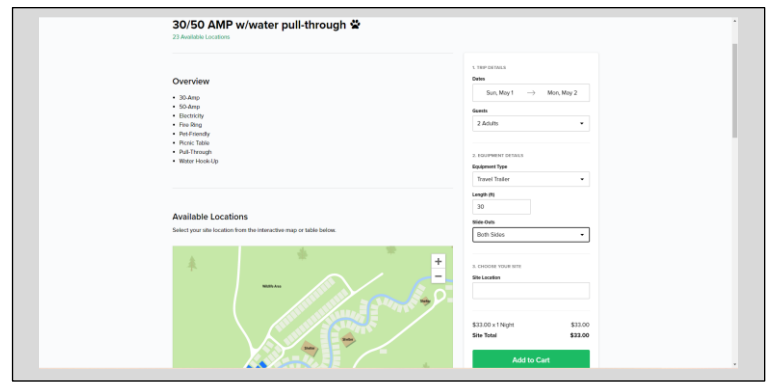
Step 2

Enter your Check-in and Check-out dates and the number of adults you are camping with.



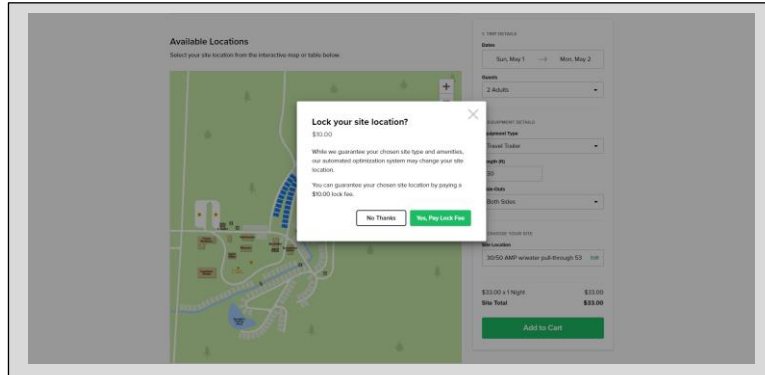
### Step 3

Pick the type of spot you wish to camp in. All available choices will be displayed.



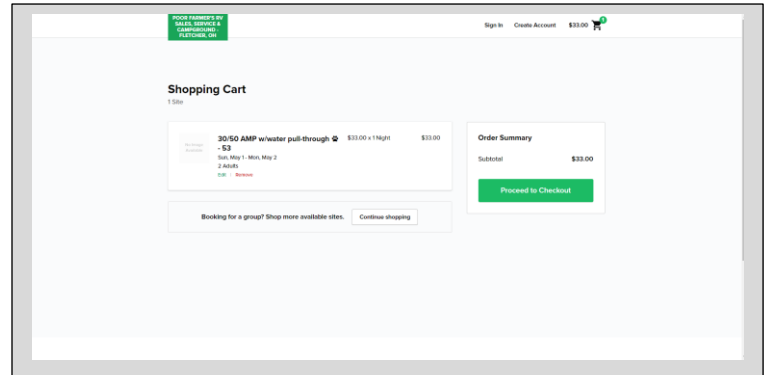
### Step 4

Enter your RV information. Once entered, individual available spots will show up on the map.



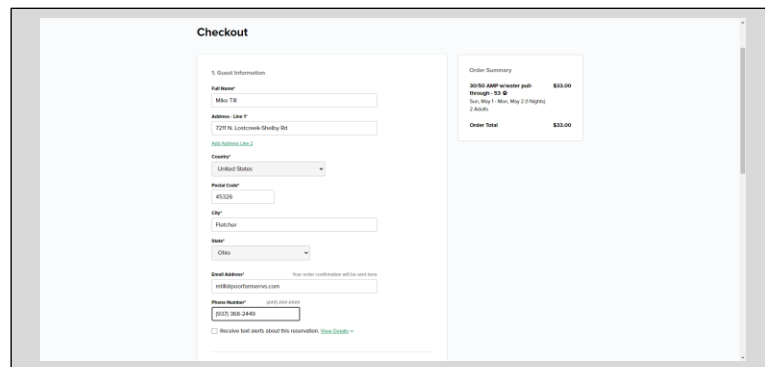
### Step 5

You will be given the option of locking in your site. Campspot's platform optimizes the site map for efficiency. During busy weekends, if you don't lock in your site, you could get moved to another site that is the same site type.



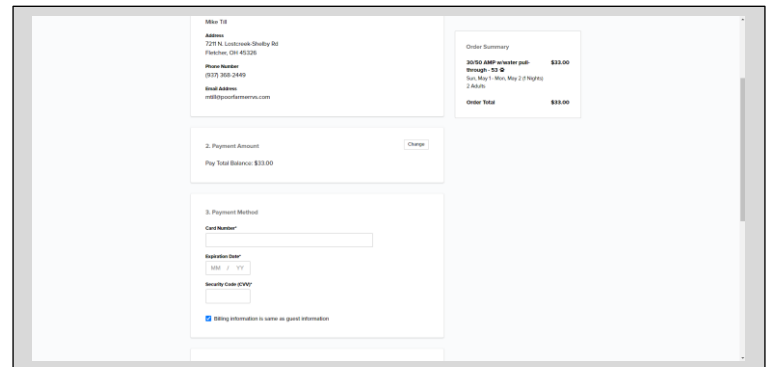
### Step 6

Cart Review. Look at the item(s) in your cart and make sure it is what you want, then click "Proceed to Checkout"



### Step 7

Fill out your personal information. If you are already in the system, all your information should come up with your name.



### Step 8

To make the reservation, payment in full is required. Put your credit card information in the space provided. Once entered, you can click on the "Place Order" button on the bottom of this screen.

Once you have completed this process, a confirmation email will be sent to you and you will be all set. **When you enter the campground, stop at our camp office and "Check In" so we can take you to your campspot.** The rest is all on you to relax and enjoy yourselves. Thank you for camping at Poor Farmer's RV!  
Please Remember that the Speed Limit is 5MPH



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## Keep a Path for Ricky!

It is that time of year again. Ricky has prepped the Honey Dipper for the season and he is ready to get your tanks evacuated. Here are some tips to help make the process easier.

- 1.) Keep plenty of water in your black tank. It will dump easier and cleaner, leaving less of a chance for debris to sit on your sensors.
- 2.) Keep the path to your flush valves open. If Rick can't get to your valves, he isn't going to be able to dump you.
- 3.) The Speed Limit is 5MPH.

## Tilly's Two-Man Scramble

The 2022 Poor Farmer golf outing was a great time. We had 12 teams competing for the grand prize of "almost your money back". As hardcore golfers, we don't do it for the glamor, or the riches, we do it because we are all gluten for punishment. Hitting a small ball with a crooked stick to a 4.25" hole that is five hundred yards away is a great accomplishment, whether it takes 3 shots or 7.

I would like to thank all the golfers who came out and stood against the wind for four hours. Keeping our hats on seemed a tougher feat than scoring par that day, but we still had a couple. The low score was five under (-5) scored by Matt Duer and Jon Peirson and second place went to Lucas Thornton & Adam Dobrzenecki.

Thanks to all who participated. The golfers are welcome to join us on May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Season Kick-off and watch some fireworks with your families. Thanks also to Ana, Dave and the rest of the staff at Lakeland Golf Course for all they did to make this years outing a fun time. We will see you next year.

## Guess the Year

- Ford Motors under Henry Ford incorporates
- Pepsi Cola company forms
- 1st Tour de France: French rider Maurice Garin wins inaugural event
- First Baseball World Series game ever played; Pittsburgh Pirates beat Boston Americans 7-3
- The Wright brothers fly the Wright Flyer for the first time at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
- Harley-Davidson was founded in Milwaukee, WI
- Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt are engaged
- Nobel Prize for physics awarded to Pierre and Marie Curie for their study of spontaneous radiation
- 1st regular transatlantic radio broadcast between US & England