

The Monthly CHATTER

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

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2022 Season in Review


















Howdy-Do Campers! Well, the 2022 camping season has officially ended. By now most of you have winterized your RV and have buttoned up your permanent campsite for the winter. Now is the moment when we look back and remember all the good times we had in 2022. So here I sit with a copy of the 2022 Activity Schedule and **my faithful memory** of those events. I may have to make some things up or just straight lie to you to keep your attention, but I will be sure to type those items in red.

We started April with the Darke County Sheriff's Patrol Home and Sport Show in Greenville. We always have a great time there and love supporting law enforcement officers. Thanks to Jimmy, Dick, Denny, and Jacque for helping me man the booth. **This year was especially interesting. Someone robbed a bank and I had to jump in the squad car that was on display and drive through a wall of the cow barn to cut-off and apprehend the suspect single-handedly. If it wasn't for the help at the booth, I wouldn't have been able to help catch the guy.**

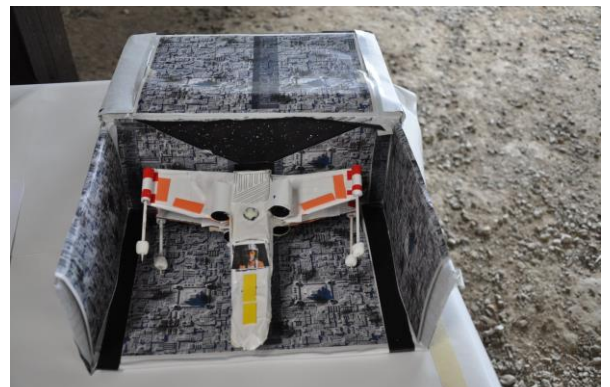
On April 2nd, we hosted the annual 5K for Autism Awareness at the campground. We had a good showing despite the cold temps. **I ran a personal best time of 17:30.35.** Okay, I didn't even run this year, I was parking patrol. However, I do plan on at least beating Isaac in 2023.

May 1st officially started the season with "Tilly's Two-man Scramble" at Lakeland GC. Thanks to Lakeland for making this event fun and for serving tasty pizza. Please look out for the 2023 Red Tee Scramble, where everyone hits from the Red Tees... **except Caleb**, he hits them too far already.



<p><u>Step #1</u></p> <p>Choose Your Base →</p> 	<p>Waffle</p>	<p> Donut</p>
<p>Choose Your Ice Cream</p> <p><u>Step #2</u></p>  <p>Vanilla</p>  <p>Chocolate</p>	<p>Choose Your Cereal</p> <p><u>Step #3</u></p>      	<p>Choose Your Extras</p> <p><u>Step #4</u></p>       
<p><u>Step #5</u> *Syrups (Maple, Chocolate + Strawberry is at the table)</p> <p>Combinations tested by us:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Syrups</u></p> <p>Maple Syrup</p> <p>Chocolate Syrup</p> <p>Strawberry Syrup</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Tall Drink</u></p> <p>Orange Juice</p> <p>Pineapple Juice</p> <p>Apple Juice</p> <p>Cherry Juice</p> <p>Blueberry Juice</p> <p>Strawberry Juice</p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Base</u></p> <p>Waffle</p> <p>Donut</p> <p>Chocolate Syrup</p> <p>Maple Syrup</p> <p>Strawberry Syrup</p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Flavor</u></p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> <p>Chocolate Syrup</p> <p>Strawberry Syrup</p> <p>Maple Syrup</p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Tall Drink</u></p> <p>Orange Juice</p> <p>Pineapple Juice</p> <p>Apple Juice</p> <p>Cherry Juice</p> <p>Blueberry Juice</p> <p>Strawberry Juice</p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Base</u></p> <p>Waffle</p> <p>Donut</p> <p>Chocolate Syrup</p> <p>Maple Syrup</p> <p>Strawberry Syrup</p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p><u>Flavor</u></p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> <p>Chocolate Syrup</p> <p>Strawberry Syrup</p> <p>Maple Syrup</p> <p>Vanilla Syrup</p> </div> </div>		

A tall, slender blue and white ceramic vase with a dense floral pattern, resting on a dark wooden stand. The vase features a repeating motif of stylized flowers and scrolling vines in cobalt blue on a white background. It has a long neck and a flared base, and is supported by a simple, dark-stained wooden tripod stand.



County Fairgrounds where they had over 300 tractors on display, as well as engines and lawn tractors.

The next weekend was Grandparents Weekend. We were able to get the day's events in, despite some wet weather. The only problem we had was that the fire truck got stuck. **Shane's adrenaline started pumping so fast for fear that a call would come in that he just lifted the truck out of the mud and set it on the gravel.** It took three trucks, a backhoe and a ton of prayers to get it out.

Next on the agenda was the 2022 Buckeye Woodcarver's Round-up. Every year, Jim and Barb Foster along with some good friends, commandeer the campground for a week to turn plain pieces of wood into a variety of artistic creations. Thanks to all who participated in this event, including our good friends, Jeff and Tina Postma. They are the artists behind our Carl and Mrs. Poor Farmer in front of the camp office. **Jeff is now working with our former president to carve the first Trump Tower out of a California Red Wood.**

August brought the fairs, a Golf Cart Rodeo and about \$25,000 worth of electrical work, I really wish that Ming Vase story was true. This year we only attended the Miami County Fair. We were lucky to get some new Coachmen fifth wheels just before it started. The fair food was delicious, **I drank a record 14 shakes** from the Farm Bureau... I drank **3**... okay 4.

We had a great time at the Golf Cart Rodeo even though the Poor Farmer team was short members. **Jim Smith started us off by singing the National Anthem while Doris played cymbals.** Odd Power's ruled the day with many awards however, a lot of the stock cart awards went unclaimed (hint, hint to all the poor farmers who have stock carts). The teeter-totter was the new event that brought up some campers from the campground. Thanks, Troy, for building that obstacle and keeping this party going.

During the entire month of August, Jimmy, Lynn, Shane, Ken, and I were digging ditches and upgrading electric across the creek. We improved over thirty campsites in thirty days. Thanks especially to our neighbor, Wes, who was gracious enough to loan us some equipment to make the job easier.

Once all the electric was in the ground, we prepared for Labor Day Weekend. Jimmy flipped the Flapjacks, Mike and Shane cooked the steaks and Angela Albright organized one of the biggest cornhole tournaments in Poor Farmer's history.



Once all the bags were picked up and the steak dinner dishes were done, we laughed our patooties off at comedy night. Jeff Bang, Ray Jackson and I took the stage for your amusement. I opened the show with my usual comedic genius. Once I started, I could tell the other guys were impressed with my skills. **I did so well I got a call from Dave Chappelle later that night. He offered me a job as a writer but, of course I told him that wild horses couldn't pull me away from my duties here at the campground.**

The Fall Tractor Show was next on the agenda. Remember how I told you the Spring show was short on attendance, well, the Fall show made up for it completely. What a turnout! **We made so much money we can now afford to put in a pool.** The human tractor pull was a hoot. The Barefoot team was my favorite. Thanks to the ALL-SAR (Search and Rescue K-9 Team) for keeping our parking situation in order. Donate to them whenever you can.

Finally, we get to Halloween, which has become two of the biggest weekends of the year. This year was especially spooky since we had a Sasquatch running around the campground... **the real Sasquatch.** Jimmy and The Psychos outdid themselves once again with their Haunted Shelter. I would like to recognize Sophia Gilson. Last year she got rave reviews as the Nun and this year she pushed the envelope even further. If you went through the Haunted Shelter, you saw her on the gallows. Also, congratulations to Gary and the soon to be Misses (Sarah) Powell who celebrated the birth of their son, Tobias. Gary plays the part of Mike Myers in the Haunted Shelter. This year he got to beat up on a local fireman and Poor Farmer perm, Ryan McCrea. **Only one hour after opening night started, Gary (Mike Myers) jumped from a corner and scared Sarah right into labor; needless to say, we had to build the baby room around Tobias.**

Well, that concludes the playback of the 2022 camping season. We would like to thank everyone who camped with us, both perms and overnights. We would like to thank all those who purchased an RV from us or had their camper serviced with us. Also, thanks to our employees, VIPs, and helpers. **Without all of you, this place would not exist.** Well, it may exist, but it wouldn't be as cool.

We wish you all a glorious Winter filled with joyful holidays, family gatherings, a safe and happy New Year. Keep up with the Chatter for news on 2023 events, our family happenings and **prolific wisdom from your favorite General Manager.** See you in the Spring of 2023!



POLAR FARMERS

NO- VEMBER

NO! We don't want to stop camping. NO! We don't want colder temperatures. NO! We don't want golf season to end... well, I don't want golf season to end. There is a plethora of reasons to emphasize the "NO" in November, especially for those who will be camping with us during the winter months, we call you folks: The Polar Farmers.

Here is the rundown for our fearless Winter campers; all the ins and outs that you will need to know. Here's the scoop:

- The water will probably be turned off around November 7th or 8th, but this is not a guarantee. We try to keep it on as long as possible. If forecasts change, we will adjust either sooner or later.
- Once the water is shut off, we will have a spicket open on the North end of the shower house. You may use this water supply to fill your freshwater tank, either with the hose just inside the men's restroom or with your own hose. Please do not park in front of the water access. We have a few campers who will be filling tanks to transport water.
- Rhonda is our facility caretaker. She is responsible for the general cleaning and maintenance of the shower house. She is NOT responsible for the cleanup of your daily duties. Please keep these restrooms clean by picking up litter, flushing the toilets, cleaning hair from countertops and informing us if there is an issue that needs addressed.
- Please contact Jimmy Weaver, if you haven't already, to schedule a time to move up to our full hook-up sites. I know most of you have and I think most of the sites are full. Just remember it is much easier to do this when it is dry. Just ask Rhonda.
- If you would like to use a 100lbs LP tank let the parts store know. Remember that a special hose is required to hook the tank into your regulator. Have all your fill requests into us by 4PM if you expect to get it that day. During the months of December and January, our parts store will be closed on Saturday. Please get your LP fill requests in by Friday at 4PM.
- During heavy snow events, we will have the backhoe running and possibly a plow truck. You will be responsible for the area directly around your RV. Please do not throw your snow into an area that is already plowed.
- If you wish to put insulation around your camper, it must be done with insulation board. No straw or other aggregate allowed.
- Thank you for staying with us during the cold Winter months. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Let's Go Campin'!





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Three Important Dates:

November 24th - Thanksgiving

December 25th - Christmas

February 15th - First Camping Discount Expires for Returning Campers

(\$1000.00 + no outstanding bills i.e., electric, repair, etc)

Guess the Year

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) forms
- 1st subway car with side doors goes into service (NYC)
- 1st National Woman's Day is observed in the United States. Organized by the Socialist Party of America
- 1st US airplane sold commercially, by Glenn Curtiss for \$5,000
- 16th Amendment was passed by congress (power to tax incomes)
- Army Air Corps formed as Army takes 1st delivery from Wright Brothers
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of automobile race Indianapolis 500, opens in Speedway, Indiana
- Workers start pouring concrete for Panama Canal