



The Chatter

By Mike Till

2025 Review



I would first like to thank everyone who camped with us, purchased a camper from us, attended our events or just came out to say, "Hello". As beautiful and relaxing as Poor Farmer's is; without you guys, there would be no Poor Farmer's.

2025 started with our first Veteran's Weekend. Valerie Mullikin, with Operation Veteran Caregiver Support, helped to organize the first Annual Veterans Appreciation Weekend. We had veterans from all over Ohio and beyond. There were vintage military vehicles, a vendor & resource fair, and dinner. This was also the same weekend the Marines landed. We had 23 Marines that I served with at MCAS Tustin, in southern California, here for a reunion.

Steven "Crash" Worley entertained us on opening season weekend, followed up by a very well-organized golf scramble. The ALL-SARs Rescue K-9 Team were all hands-on deck for this event. Thanks to all who participated, and thanks to Lakeland for getting the course ready. Keep a look out for next year's scramble.

We finished May with Memorial Day Weekend. The golf cart games were a literal splash and quarter auction set records for attendance. Next year we will make more paddles and get more quarters. After it was all said and done, we finally rolled the golf carts through the streets of Fletcher for the Annual Memorial Day Parade.

The Spring Tractor Show was one of the largest Spring shows we have had in a long time. Since taking on a reservation system, parking campers for this show has become much more streamlined. The food vendors did well, and we had a large display of peddle tractors provided by Larry and Shirley Wiley. At the end of June Buckeye Bricks sponsored our Lego Build on Grandparents Weekend and the Fletcher Fire Department brought out the coolest slip-n-slide I have ever seen. Independence Day kicked off the month of July with some Redneck Games and karaoke. The following weekend we hosted our first Jeep Wrangle, which turned out to be a great success.

Thanks to Tony Dippolito for helping get this event up and running. We had 66 Jeeps of all makes, mostly Wranglers, and The Dark Knight won with his Batman inspired build. We finished July with the Annual Buckeye Woodcarvers Round-up. Thanks to Jim and Barb for years of hard work and organization. We had some changes this year and I appreciate your patience through it all. With August comes the Miami County Fair. This year's fair delivered livestock, good food, and high temps. Thanks to Dad, Judy and John for tending the display for Poor Farmer's. I would also like to recognize my friend Roberta Jacobs for all she has done for the fair for the past ten or so years. I hope to work with you again in the future. At the end of August we hosted the Golf Cart Rodeo, I love this event for a few reasons. First, I love anything with the word Golf in it. Second, I get to see my good friends Troy and the gang from Odd Powers. Lastly, I get to take a run on Dad's outlaw cart. The only competition was Tony Dippolito's RC car.

Labor Day Weekend kicked off September with our Shriner's Breakfast, Christy's Dot Art Craft, and a Steak and Potato Dinner. I would like to thank Jimmy for cooking the pancakes and helping with the Steaks. We finished the night with another bout of karaoke where we finished the night with a dozen or more of us on stage singing *Closing Time* together in perfect harmony. The following Sunday we held a 4-on-4 volleyball tourney and a Boot Scootin' Bash. We finished the month with a successful Fall Tractor Show.

The month of October has become one of the busiest months for us. For some reason, campers can't get enough of Halloween. So much that we had to host two identical weekends with costume contests, trick or treat and our world-famous Haunted Shelter. Two weeks of set-up, two weeks of haunt, then a week of teardown makes Jimmy ready for a vacation. I would like to thank all the Psychos that participated in the haunt this year. Your interest and enthusiasm are what created all the stellar reviews that have been given over the past 6 years. The Halloween review is on the following page.

If 2025 is known for anything, it will be the heat. We had about 3 months of straight ninety-degree temps with no rain. It put a little damper on the camping numbers, but I am sure the local swimming pools were full. Thanks to everyone who came to see us, and we hope and pray that you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Halloween Review



You would think that pictures alone would do for a Halloween review, but we also need to announce our winners and thank all the people who made these two weekends a spooky good time. Thanks to Jimmy Weaver and his Psychos for outdoing themselves for another year on the Haunted Shelter. Thanks to Judy, Robin, Jaque, Marty and Sam for your help getting all the campers in. Thanks to Grandma Georgia, Kristy and Jocelyn Motter, and Denny and Jaque Shoenleben for being costume judges. Thanks to the food vendors for setting up. Thanks to all the campers that passed out candy to the kids and thanks to all the parents who brought the kids. Below are the winners for both weekends of the costume and site decorating contests. Happy Halloween!

Category:	10/11/2025	10/18/2025
Kids (0-4)	Ruby Pierce	Kaden Taylor
Kids (5-9)	Madison Reed	Gavin Schmiesing
Kids (10-14)	Luke Coverstone	Ariel Burns
Funniest	Kimberly Martin	Steve Slife
Scariest	Shawn Jones	Grant Reed
Couple	Darren & Nikki Schimmoller	Piper & Hunter
Group	Brooklyn, Hunter & Everett	Dorthy and Friends
Pet	Brittany Whitt	Katie Curtis (Otis)
Golf Cart	Shane Miles	Caleb Taylor
Perm Site	Jeff & Brenda Comer	Ryan & Katie McCrea
Overnight Site	Marley Evans	Jesse Wise



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HAPPY 250TH TO ALL MY FELLOW LEATHERNECKS! **SEMPER FI!**

On November 10th of this year millions of Marines, and Marine Corps veterans will turn 250 years old. You see, when you graduate from Marine Corps bootcamp, you are not only given the title of Marine, but you are also given another birthday. On November 10th, 1775, a committee of the Continental Congress met at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to approve a resolution drafted by John Adams, calling for the creation of two battalions of Marines to support the newly formed Continental Navy. Tun Tavern became the first recruiting station, and the first Commandant of the Marine Corps was Major Samuel Nichols. His first point of order was to commission Robert Mullen, the owner of the Tun Tavern and fellow patriot, to the rank of Captain for his duties as the first Marine Corps recruiter. Every year, Marines around the world celebrate the birth of our beloved Corps with a Marine Corps Ball. We would break out the dress blues, shine our EGAs, and make sure we had enough cash to cover the bar. Privates and PFCs would celebrate side by side with Colonels and Generals as brotherhood took precedence over anything else. By the end of the night, usually all that was left standing were the young non-NCOs and a couple hard charging staff-NCOs trying to finish what's left of the liquor. I was in the Corps for the 219th - 222nd birthdays. We would eat, recognize the youngest and oldest Marines in the place, listen to a speech from the Commandant, then we would drink and be merry. The next day all your left with is a hangover, a uniform cleaning bill, and the hopes that your CO won't call you into his office for something you don't even remember doing.

There are Marines around the world who will celebrate our birthday on November 10th. Some will be at home with their families, some will be celebrating in a combat zone with their rifle, and the lucky ones will be with their brothers. I will be one of the lucky ones, as one Marine brother will be driving up from Tennessee to join me in a road trip out to see our brother in New Jersey. What a grand ole' time we will have turning 250 years old. At the end of April in 2026, I will be hosting an even larger group of Marines who served at MCAS Tustin. Last year we had 23 of my brothers and sisters from all over America join in for the second annual Tustin PMO Reunion.

The 2026 reunion seems to be growing even larger than that. I already have 26 Marines on the roster for next year. With all these Marines invading our shores, they will need a place to lay their head. Here is where you can help. If you are not using your camper during the weekend of April 24th, 25th, & 26th, and wish to have a Marine and possibly their spouse stay in your coach for the weekend, it would be greatly appreciated. Let me know if you are interested.

To all my Marine brothers and sisters out there. I hope you enjoy our 250th birthday. Please stay safe, be merry and Happy Birthday! From Tun Tavern to MCAS Tustin, Marines can do only one thing better than killing... and that's celebrating. Uh Rah, Semper Fidelus, and God Bless all the Devil Dogs.



"Once a Marine, always a Marine."

Long after the uniform has been laid aside, the last order has been given, the final salute returned, the last handshake shared, and the occasional tear brushed away by a determined hand. Long after that, it still runs in your veins. Lives on in your mind. Dominates your will. Long after that, you feel the call. The spirit that can only be shared among brothers.

Among individuals bonded together by the truest of ideals.

"Once a Marine, always a Marine."





Polar Farmer's

As the camping season draws to a close, the campers who remain prepare for their winter stay. For the veterans, it's nothing they haven't done before. Whether they move their coach to a different site or baton down the hatches where they are, at this point they are either very prepared or have already finished. The first timers, however, are going to have some questions. Here are some frequently asked questions that you may be seeking answers too:

- **When do you turn the water off?**

Answer: We try to keep the water on as long as we can without risking freezing the spickets sticking out of the ground. We will give as much warning on Facebook when we make the decision.

- **What can we use to insulate around our camper?**

Answer: You are permitted to use insulation board, treated plywood, or aftermarket skirting to insulate your underbelly. Please make sure your skirting is secure so the wind does not blow it all over the campground.

- **How do I get a 100lbs propane tank?**

Answer: You can call or go into the parts store and request a 100lbs tank. There is no charge to rent the tank, you must pay for the propane and any LP hose you may need for that tank before we will deliver it.

Some other things to remember:

- Ultimate RVS is here to help in case you have any issues with your camper. They can usually come down to your campsite and make the needed repairs there.
- Our Parts Store hours for the winter months are as follows:
Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm until March 1st. Closed from 12pm – 1pm for lunch. Check with the parts store for our holiday hours as well.
- Please do not park your vehicle in a spot that is going to leave ruts. Park along the road (as long as traffic can get by) or on your gravel pad. Let us know if you are unsure of where to park.
- The heated shower house will remain open all winter and the spicket on the North side will be on. There is a hose just inside the Men's restroom door. Please take care of it and put it back where it goes when finished.
- When snow falls, we will get the roads plowed. Please make sure there is nothing that will get in the way of this.

If you have further questions, just ask us and we will help you the best we can. As always, the speed limit in the campground is 5MPH and all the rules and regulations still apply... except that one about mowing... that one has been rendered moot due to the grass not growing.

Keep your propane filled and your camper warm as we head into colder temperatures day by day. Watching the frost line on your hundred pounders, that will help tell you where the level is, but keep your smaller tanks filled for a backup.

Take care of our shower houses, they get cleaned daily, but please clean up any messes you make. Thank you and I hope you all have a great winter.

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ELECTRIC BILLS!!!!!!

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GUESS THE YEAR!

- NASA select its first American women astronauts
- First "micro on a chip" or microchip is patented by Texas Instruments
- Leon Spinks beats Muhammad Ali in 15 for heavyweight boxing title
- 1st Iron Man Triathlon (swim, bike ride, and run marathon) held
- Mascot Phillie Phanatic makes its first appearance
- Margaret A Brewer is 1st female general in the US Marine Corps
- Film "Grease" opens, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John
- Garfield, created by Jim Davis, first appears as a comic strip
- Pope John Paul I is officially installed as the 263rd Supreme Pontiff
- First broadcast of "Different Strokes" on NBC TV
- Police in Des Plaines, Illinois, arrest John Wayne Gacy for murder
- Ohio State dismisses Woody Hayes as its football coach

Answer:..... 1978