



The Chatter

By Mike Till

One Month Away!

The 2026 Camping season is just one month away. May 1st we will host our Opening Season Weekend with a Veteran's Appreciation Weekend. If you served in our nation's military and would like to camp at Poor Farmer's May 1st thru the 3rd, we are offering a discount for those nights. When you make your reservation at poorfarmerrvs.com, you can type in the promo code: Veteran20 to receive that discount.

Seasonal campers... this month is your time to get your sites in order. We will be looking for our first Site of the Month for 2026 at the end of the month. This year, I will have the Marines choose who gets the honor. Keep in mind that Marines tend to pay attention to detail.

Our camp store still has some RV service parts that are discounted. If you need a part that is not in our inventory, you will be able to order it with Ultimate RVs. The month of April is a busy one, but the excitement over the upcoming camping season helps to keep you motivated. Getting your RV ready for the season can be a chore. Not only do you have to clean it up after sitting for months, but all the systems of the unit need checked for operation. Then, God forbid you might have an appliance not working, or found a spot where water got in, or worse, where an animal has found their way in.

Any number of things can be discovered with a quick inspection, and some problems don't have difficult solutions. For those issues that require a professional, I direct you to Ultimate RVs. Justin and Micah have done a great job for campers in the past six months and are anxious to get the 2026 camping season underway. Make your appointment today, as their schedule is filling up fast.

Please make sure you stop into our camp store to pick up needed paperwork, such as our 2026 Schedule of Events, Rules and Regulations, and our new rates sheet. Please take the time to read these, as we have made a few changes. Most of all, we are happy to see that most of our 2025 campers are returning. In saying that, we have very few spots for new campers and are going through applications as we speak. The water is on, the temps are going up, and camping season is right around the corner. Let's Go Campin'!



THE WATER IS ON!!!

Coming Events!

POOR FARMER'S CAMPGROUND
VETERAN'S APPRECIATION WEEKEND
May 1st - 3rd, 2026



Veterans camp for **\$20/night**. Use code **Veteran20** when reserving your campsite at poorfarmerrvs.com

Join us for Food, Games, Entertainment and Fellowship. Our goal is to unite veterans from around the area and give them a place to have fun, allow opportunities for networking, receive valuable information, and most of all, relax with their families and friends. We will feature an Ice Cream Breakfast, Cornhole Tournament, a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, Fun for kids, and Live Music by Steven "Crash" Worley. Get your reservation made today to lock in your spot at www.poorfarmerrvs.com. This event is sponsored by Poor Farmer's RV and Operation Veteran & Caregiver Support. Veterans working for veterans.



Poor Farmer's RV
5K Run/Walk for Autism Awareness
April 26, 2026
2pm Start

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Want to be a sponsor?
Contact Amy at:
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AUTISM
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Cost w/t-shirt: **\$50** if paid before April 10th
Charity: **Proceeds go to Autism Speaks**
Course: **Out and back 3.1-mile road course**

To register online, go to:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Fletcher/5kRunWalkforAutismAwareness>

The Poor Farmer's Open

May 3rd, 2026 / 1pm Shotgun Start

@ Lakeland Golf Course in St. Paris, Ohio

All proceeds go to the ALL-SAR K-9 Search and Rescue Teams based in Miami County

\$75.00/Golfer Email Mike at or call (937)600-4145 to sign-up your team or if you are interested in sponsoring opportunities.



OPENING SEASON! VETERAN'S APPRECIATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

May 1st 7pm- We have two events that are happening simultaneously. Bill Miller will kick off the first of four chances to rack up points in our **Krazyoke Contest**. At the same time, **KUW Wrestlers** will be beating the snot out of each other in the Coachmen Shelter. There is no admission for either of these events.

May 2nd

9am- We kick off the day with our **World-Famous Ice Cream Breakfast by Ullery's**.

1pm- Bring your two-person team to the Big Shelter for **Cornhole**. \$5/team entry fee. Winner takes all.

4pm- Candy Bar BINGO! Win some sweet stuff with a BINGO! \$.50/card (10 player minimum)

5:30pm- Veteran's Appreciation Dinner provided by Operation Veteran and Caregiver Support

7pm- Live Music! Steven "Crash" Worley (Navy Veteran) will be performing classic rock and country.

May 3rd 1pm- The Poor Farmer's Open! At Lakeland GC.

Sign your team up with Mike (937)600-4145 or mtill@poorfarmerrvs.com



Some Things to Remember...

- The speed limit is 5MPH through the campground. Please tell your visitors.
- The Camp Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8am-5pm. (Closed for lunch from 12-1pm)
- Our dumpsters are for household trash only. No large items such as: Mattresses, appliances or large boxes, etc.
- No outside service companies are permitted to work at your campsite. That includes RV service techs, camper washers, carpet cleaners, or the like. All RV service must run through Ultimate RV.
- Pets must remain on a leash or lead, State Law. They must also be picked up after and not left unattended.
- You are not permitted to store trailers, boats or extra vehicles at your campsite. Those must be stored on our storage lot or off property.
- Electric golf carts only! The cart must be insured, and the operator must have a valid driver's license. Please do not let the kids drive the carts.
- All black and gray valves must be fully operational with a cap in place. Dumping black or gray water on the ground is cause for immediate expulsion from the park.
- You are responsible for maintaining your campsite. Warnings will be given, however, ongoing problems regarding campsite appearance may lead to expulsion from the park.
- The Rules and Regulations are available in our camp store or on our website. Please read them over to make sure you are doing it right.

Golf Cart Etiquette

There are rules that are written and rules that are spoken. The written rules are in our 2026 Rules and Regulations paper available in our camp store or on our website. The spoken rules are as follows:

- When you park your golf cart, either take the keys with you or put them on top of the roof of your cart. This will prevent little's from joy riding.
- Your cart should only be charged at your campsite. You are not permitted to charge your cart from an outlet that isn't metered for you.
- If the ground is wet, don't tear it up with your car or cart.
- Do not drive your golf cart between campers on the sales lot. Please keep a good distance to avoid damaging sales units.
- During the flea market, keep your golf cart to the side of the drive so we can get through with a camper or equipment if needed.
- Be safe when driving with passengers. Only allow as many passengers on the cart which you have seats for... four seats = four people. Please don't let the kids hang off the cart dangerously.



THE 3RD ANNUAL

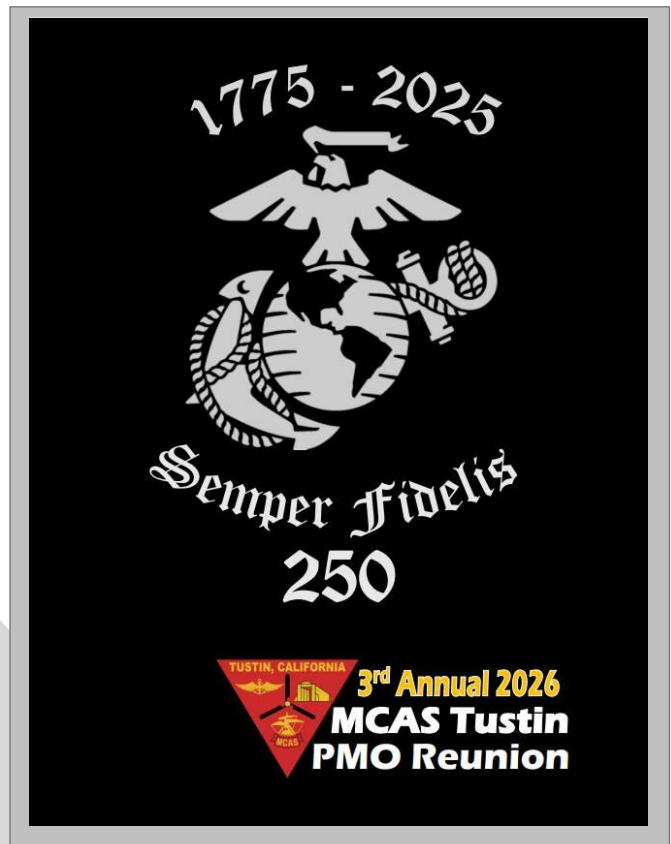
In 2024, I had the idea to invite a few Marines that I served with to the Solar Eclipse in the beginning of April. I can honestly say that that weekend was one of the best weekends of my life. Being able to reconnect with 13 brothers that I hadn't seen for almost thirty years blew my mind.

In 2025, the number grew to 23 Marines. We had MCAS Tustin Alumni come from all over America. They came from Idaho, Texas, Florida, and New England. Van Bradley honored us with a rendition of The Marine's Hymn on the bagpipes, we put some rounds downrange as Marines do, Grandma cooked up a spaghetti dinner with Larry and Clark, and our Marine brother, BJ Curtis hosted a poker night.

For 2026, we have 30+ Marines slated to be here for our 3rd Annual Tustin PMO reunion. Please wish them all God speed on their trip here and pray for us to have some great weather at the end of April. God bless our troops and God bless America!



From Left to Right: Marc Johnson, Jason Boes, Mike Johnson, Brian Wood, Thomas Krayer, Jason Tutterow, Paul Ramacher, Steve Clark, Mike Till, Mike Peacock, Ralph Escamillo, Joshua Novak, Aaron Johnson, Gabe Wren, and Bob Alagna.



From Left to Right:

Van Bradley, Mike Till, Patricia Schmidheiser, Eric Denson, Dave Schmidt, Nicholson, Steve Clark, Vicki Ovitt, Brian Wood, Thomas Krayer, Joshua Novak, Michael Jasse, Brian Johnson, Jason Tutterow, Tony Paone, Jeff Argrave, Mike Peacock, Bill Steffen, Steve O'Dell, Jason Boes, Brian O'Toole, Aaron Johnson, and Gabe Wren in front.

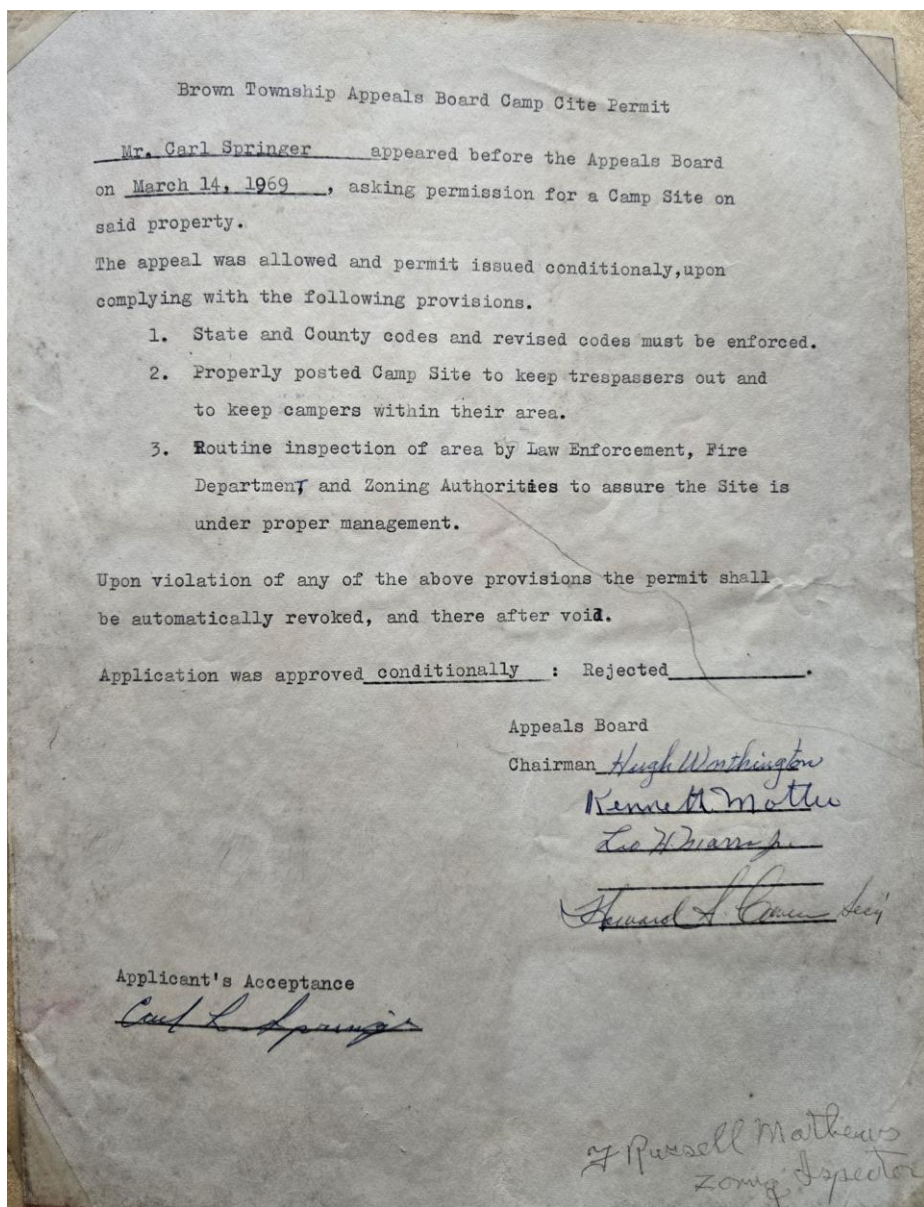


Halloween Weekend is Booking up Fast

Listen... I know Halloween isn't until October, but I feel obligated to tell you guys that we only have 12 sites left for the weekend of October 10th and the following weekend is filling up now as well. If you are interested in camping for one of our Halloween weekends, don't delay too long in getting your campsite reserved at www.poorfarmerrvs.com.



A Blast from the Past



In the Spring of 1969, a farmer named Carl Springer from Vandalia, Ohio decided to turn a portion of his farm into a campground. It was this day in March when Poor Farmer's Campground became the happiest place on Earth.

Carl was known to many as an honest, hard-working, reliable member of the community with a love of conservation. He was a main contributor to the Fletcher Rescue Squad that operated for nearly 40 years.

Carl was an avid golfer as well. He started the Poor Farmer's Open as we call it today. The funds they raised went to the Rescue Squad until it was dissolved. Now we support the ALL-SAR K-9 Search and Rescue teams.

Carl passed away in September of 1994, at the same time I was graduating from Marine Corps Boot Camp. Wouldn't it be cool if when Grandpa Carl met our Lord, he was given the opportunity to pick a person that would help take care of his family? What better place to choose a protector, than Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island?

I think about my adventures from 1994 to now and have often said that it took a team of guardian angels to keep me safe. I can't help but wonder if Grandpa Carl was part of that team, keeping me safe so that I could take care of his family in the future.

One day I will leave this world for the next, and if a round of golf with Grandpa Carl is not in the works, I will be surprised. I just hope that when I see him, he is happy with who his Granddaughter ended up with and doesn't give me too much of a hard time for wondering what the heck he was thinking when we discover where all the water and electric lines are.

If not for Carl Springer, many of you may not have never met. Many of you may have never discovered your love for camping. Most of all, I would have never met my wife, my three kids, or you. Thank you Grandpa Carl, for your sense of adventure and your hard work. We love you and miss you.



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- **Billy the Kid is arrested for the first time**
- **Brigham Young University is founded in Provo, Utah**
- **National Bowling Association organized in NYC**
- **Harvard-Yale game is 1st college football contest with uniforms**
- **Jesse James gang robs train in Otterville, Missouri**

Answer:..... 1875