

OPAction Newsletter



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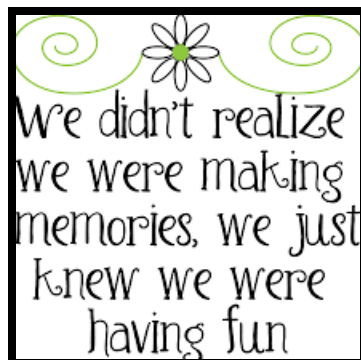
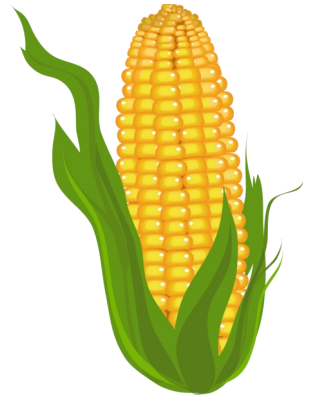
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2023 OPA Campouts Are Locked In

The Meandering Mohawks will be rekindling past memories of OPA as well as making new ones at the Spring OPA 2023. This campout will be held May 19-22, 2023 at the Harriston Community Complex, 111 George Street S. Harriston, Ontario. More details found on page 2

The Sarnia 4Ts and the Tri-County Travellers have partnered up to host the Fall OPA 2023 Campout in Brigden, Ontario on September 1-4, 2023. The theme is ***Corny Country Camping***. More details found on page 3.



2023 Budget is Approved

OPA now has an approved financial plan to venture into 2023.

At the November 6, 2022 virtual Voting Delegates meeting, the draft budget was amended from its original presentation and then approved. Details can be found on page 4

Spring OPA 2023

When: Friday May 19 — Monday May 22.
Early bird day is Thursday May 18.



Where: Harriston Community Complex
111 George Street South,
Harriston, Ontario.
N0G 1Z0

519-338-3015



Price: \$120 /unit for 3 nights Camping
& Activities
\$25 for Early Bird camping



A Possible Roast Beef Supper at a local church is in the planning. There will be an additional cost. Details will follow by email or phone for those registered.



Registration:

Option #1: Register online at opafrv.ca and send e-transfer of \$120 to opafinancial@gmail.com. Be sure to add “OPA Spring 2023 + your name & email address in the comment section of the transfer.

Option #2: Register online at opafrv.ca and mail a cheque made payable to “Ontario Provincial Association” to Jim & Lynn Sampson, Unit 8, 1560 Kerns Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7P 3A7. (Make note on the cheque that its for Spring OPA 2023.)

Option #3: Fill in a paper copy of the registration form and mail it , along with a cheque ,to the above address.

Jim & Lynn Sampson Contact Info: (905) 319-9509
jilysam@gmail.com

Spring Camper Cook Contest

Be watching for more information regarding this historical spring activity which will be making a “come back” in 2023.



Remember to Bring Memorabilia for a Display! Do you have badges, pins, photos, banners, name tags, plaques, awards etc from past OPA functions? Bring them along to Spring OPA so we can all see them and reminisce about days gone by.



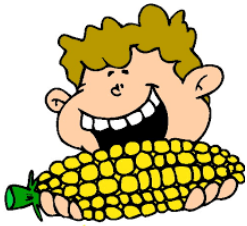
Fall OPA 2023



WHO: The Sarnia 4 T's and the Tri-County Travellers have partnered together to share their talents.



WHAT: *Corny Country Camping Fall OPA.* Corn boil, cornhole tournament, corny card bingo, ice cream social, corny jokes, live entertainment, door prizes, etc.



WHERE: Brigden Fairgrounds, 2435 Courtright Line, Brigden, Ontario .
Electric hook ups, water and dump station available and included in registration.

WHEN: Friday Sept. 1—4, 2023.
Early bird day Thursday Aug. 31, 2023



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? Registration & Activity Fee \$125/family /unit.
Early bird day costs an additional \$25.

Option #1: Register online at opafrv.ca and send e-transfer of \$125 to opafinancial@gmail.com.
Be sure to add “ OPA Fall 2023 + your name & email address in the comment section of the transfer.

Option #2: Register online at opafrv.ca and mail a cheque made payable to “Ontario Provincial Association” to Brian & Karen Chatfield, 69 Naomee Cres. London, Ont. N6H 3T3 (Make note on the cheque that its for Fall OPA 2023.)

Option #3: Fill in a paper copy of the registration form and mail it , along with a cheque ,to the above address.

karenchatfield56@gmail.com 519-471-4959



2023 Approved Budget



Income

Membership 95 @ \$20 (plus 2 life members)	\$1900.00
Website Sponsorship	\$ 250.00
Interest from Investments	<u>\$ 195.29</u>
Total Income	\$2345.29

Expenses

Website Management	\$ 235.04
Zoom Renewal	\$ 226.00
Scholarship Donation	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies (photocopying/postage etc.)	\$ 150.00
Promotions (Brochures/RV Show/engraving)	\$ 200.00
Campvention (KQ/Hospitality/float)	\$ 200.00
Contingency Fund (Membership Recruitment)	<u>\$1446.72</u>
Total Expenses	\$2557.76

Net Income(Loss) (\$ 212.47)

So far in year 2021 Contingency Fund has only spent \$313.10 plus \$240.18 , Total \$553.28

Profit or Loss from Spring or Fall OPA Campout can not be added at this time because budgets from the campouts have not been received.

TD bank account has enough money to cover any LOSSES





Highlights from November 6, 2022 OPAVD meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of Nov 5/22	\$16,866.99
Investments (2 GIC)	<u>\$15,734.98</u>
Total Assets	\$32,601.97

* Our bank balance includes the following monies being held " In Trust" :

Ontario Teen Association \$1,820.44

Pull Tabs \$ 251.00

Income of \$1,580 has been received so far for 2023 membership dues (79 memberships)

Treasurer Dave Skillings was pleased to note that our bank account has increased by \$1,926.32 since the beginning of the year.



Constitutional Review Update

The Executive Board together with the Review Committee are currently examining the first draft of proposed amendments to the current Constitution. Once approved, they will be emailed to the chapter delegates for discussion at the chapter level. It is hoped that the proposed amendments can receive final approval at the March 2023 Voting Delegates meeting.

Membership Recruitment Update

Recruitment Activities to date include:

- a) a personal invitation from President Jack Smye emailed to each of the 52 Ontario FCRV members who are not OPA members, inviting them to join.
- b) An Open House in Tavistock in August advertised with posters and Newspaper ads with hopes to begin new chapter there.

Unfortunately neither of these attempts have had results.

Webmaster Dave Warrington volunteered to send future OPA news updates to the 52 non-OPA members in hopes of generating enough interest to join the organization.

Membership Update

As of October 31.2022

OPA Members.....	76
Ontario FCRV members.....	128
FCRV International.....	2079

Roll Call Attendance

Executive Board Delegates.....	7
Committee Chair Delegates....	7
Chapter Delegates.....	6
Guests.....	3

There are currently 8 paid chapters & 7 independent members.

Pull Tabs Update

Since Fall OPA in September, Wayne Rosenberger has collected and cleaned 18 pounds of pop tabs.

He is also collecting crushed cans.

Please bring tabs and crushed cans to Spring OPA 2023





More Highlights of Nov. 6 OPAVD meeting

Spring Camper Cook Contest Revival

Independent members, Ron & Mary Brown have agreed to spearhead the resurrection of this historical spring event. In years gone by, during Spring OPA campouts, attendees were invited to enter a baking contest for a specific item, for example cookies or muffins or squares etc. Judges were recruited from the local community to choose the best baking. There would be a nice prize for the winner. Then all of the entries would be served to the campers at an evening's hospitality.



In the near future you will learn what item has been chosen for Spring OPA 2023's contest.

OPA has lots of great bakers, so let's enjoy some friendly competition and some delicious baking.



Website Update

Webmaster Dave Warrington reports that 18 registrations (36 people) registered online for Spring OPA, 20 registrations (40 people) for the Retiree Rally and 19 registrations (38) people for Fall OPA.

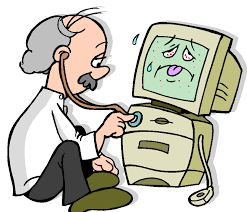
The Registration form for Spring OPA 2023 can now be found online for those who want to register early.

Online registrations are helpful for the organizers since they provide accurate contact information and quick calculation of numbers registered.

It also allows registrants to be quickly and easily notified if there are any changes or updates that occur after they've registered.

The website contains a list of the current chapters along with a group photo. The following chapters have not yet submitted a photo; Golden Wanderers, Brantford Sundowners, Wandering Canadians, Ruff 'n' Ready, Sarnia 4 T's. Please email a photo to opafcrv@gmail.com

Camping Today magazine is posted on the OPA website.



UPcoming EVENTS



March 5, 2023

May 5—7, 2023

May 19—22, 2023

June 12—15, 2023

July 9—14, 2023

Sept. 1—4, 2023

Sept. 22—24, 2023

OPA Voting Delegates Meeting via Zoom

Mini Mixer, Port Huron, Michigan

Spring OPA Campout , Harriston, Ontario

Ontario Retiree Rally, Norwich, Ontario

Campvention, Richmond, Indiana

Fall OPA Campout , Brigden, Ontario

Blue Water Mixer, Imlay City, Michigan.



CAMPVENTION 2023

A Rose by Any Other Name Is FCRV

Wayne County Fairgrounds & Expo Centre
861 Salisbury Road, Richmond, Indiana

July 9 —14, 2023

Early bird days July 7 & 8

Cost \$335.U.S. / family

Register before Dec. 31 and save \$25

Pay online with credit card/paypal/debit

