

Flxible Owners International

Invites ALL BUS & CAMPER ENTHUSIASTS to our Bi-Annual

Flxible Bus Rally

Loudonville, Ohio

BRINGING IT BACK TO THE
HOME OF THE ORIGINAL MOTOR COACH*

August 26-30, 2020



2020 Flxible Bus Rally Schedule				Sponsored by: Flxible Owners International	
Loudonville, Ohio AUGUST 26 -30, 2020					
	WEDNESDAY 8/26	THURSDAY 8/27	FRIDAY 8/28	SATURDAY 8/29	SUNDAY 8/30
8:00	coffee/donuts	coffee/donuts	coffee/donuts	coffee/donuts	coffee/donuts
9:30		Malabar Farm visit	Ohio State Reformatory Tour	Bus Parade (buses park in downtown Loudonville, enjoy local shops, etc)	
10:30					
11:00		bus back to Mohican Adventures Campground board bus for Landoll's Castle	Lunch at City Grille	Lunch at multiple Food Trucks / Restaurants in downtown Loudonville	
11:30					
12:00	Mohican Adventures activities - canoeing, mini-golf, aerial park, & go-karts (15% discount)	Lunch at Landoll's Castle	Lunch at City Grille	Lunch at multiple Food Trucks / Restaurants in downtown Loudonville	Checkout
12:30		Copper Mug Restaurant (included w/ Tour)			
1:00			bus back to Mohican Adventures Campground		Rally Captains: Brian & Crystal Santin. briansantin@gmail.com 614.571.8092
1:30		Private Tour of Landoll's Castle		Panel Discussion / Lecture Series	
2:00			Swap Meet / Meet-n-Greet with fellow Bus Nuts / Book Swap		
2:30		bus back to Mohican Adventures Campground			
3:00			Ice Cream Social & Flxible Bus Trivia		
3:30	Raffle Items Preview & Bus Award Voting	Raffle Items Preview & Bus Award Voting		Raffle Items Preview & Bus Award Voting	
5:30	Welcome Reception		Raffle Items Preview & Bus Award Voting	Flxible Owners Int'l business mtg	
6:00	Exclusively Yours Catering Food Truck dinner	BBQ Dinner	Potluck Dinner bring a dish to share	Der Dutchman Dinner	
6:30					
7:00	Neighborly Campfire	Live Entertainment & Neighborly Campfire	Outdoor Movie Night & Neighborly Campfire	Raffle & Awards Presentation	
7:30				Neighborly Campfire	

*Flxible buses were originally manufactured in Loudonville, Ohio and have been memorialized on the logo of the Family Motor Coach Association.

This event is open to all Bus Conversions, RVs, Campers, and anyone who has a passion for sharing in the joy of historic Flxible Buses – **come one, come all!!**

What you need to know and do:

REGISTER - complete the registration form and send this, along with your non-refundable registration fees to: (make checks payable to Brian Santin)

Brian & Crystal Santin
630 W Main Street Suite 200
Wilmington, OH 45177



LODGING/CAMPSITES - Reserve your camping site online at Mohican Adventures www.mohicanadventures.com 1-888-909-7400

* * mention you are part of the Flxible Bus Rally to get the discounted rate * *
sites 11-66 are reserved for our group

full hook up sites \$35/night (includes first 2 adults)

+\$10/night add'l guests ages 16+

+\$5/night add'l guests ages 4-15

*if you intend to participate in the Mohican Adventures activities on Wednesday afternoon (schedule/pay for these on your own), you will want to arrive on Tuesday, Aug 25 (camp site discounted rates still apply to early arrivers)

If you are not traveling by bus and/or need local accommodations, we have arranged for special discounted rates at the following locations:

- Rally Registered Individuals & Visitors will be allowed to enter Mohican Adventures for free although they will be required to sign in and receive a pass at the campground office.

Landoll's Castle <https://landollsmohicancastle.com/>

10 minutes away from Mohican Adventures, site of the Castle Tour and lunch on Thursday afternoon (separate fee)

10% discount on rooms - mention code: Flxible

Blackfork Marken Inn <https://www.blackforkmarkenin.com/>

B&B located in downtown Loudonville

10% discount on rooms - mention Flxible Bus group

MEALS - in an effort to provide a more diverse meal plan and offerings we are pleased to have lined up the following:

Coffee and Donuts will be provided each morning in the Campground Conference Center

Wednesday Dinner - there will be a local food truck on site for our rally attendees (meal purchase on your own at the food truck)

Thursday: Lunch at the Copper Mug Restaurant – included with Landoll’s Castle Tour
Pasta buffet - meatballs, grilled chicken breast, alfredo and marinara sauces, garlic toast, farmers market display, and a salad

: **BBQ Dinner** (separate fee) 1/4 bbq chicken, 3/4lb ribs, corn on the cob, baked potato, cole slaw, rolls & butter

Friday: Lunch at City Grille following Ohio State Reformatory Tour – pay your own


: **Dinner Potluck** at Mohican Adventures (bring a dish to serve 8 & your own table service)

Saturday: Lunch on own in downtown Loudonville (*food trucks will be present too!*)

: **Dinner Dutch Valley** (separate fee) Amish prepared meal: baked chicken, roast beef, Amish noodles, green beans, salad, bread, desserts

EVENTS - Included with your Registration Fees:

1. **Neighborly Campfires** - every night (wed-sat), complimentary refreshments, bring a chair and get to know your fellow **Bus Nuts** around a campfire

o firewood donated by 
**NORTHWEST
HARDWOODS**

2. **Friday’s Potluck Dinner** – a Flexible Bus Rally classic event, always more food than you can shake a stick at! Drinks will be provided.

3. **Thursday evening Live Entertainment** – a local duo will perform classics from Jim Croce, James Taylor, John Denver, and the like!

4. **Daily coffee and donuts** – sponsored by



and



5. **Friday Ice Cream Social** – sponsored by **STELA’s Ice Cream Shoppe**

6. **Flexible Bus Trivia** – so you *think you know* about Flexible buses?! See if you can beat fellow bus nuts on the trivia game designed just for YOU!!!!

7. **Swap Meet/Meet-n-Greet/Book Swap** on Friday afternoon – be sure to bring any unused/extra bus parts, books – bus related or not, or other interesting items folks may consider bartering/trading for – who knows you might make a buck and a new friend!

8. **Ask the Expert / Panel Discussion** – we have arranged for expert bus nuts/mechanics to discuss various aspects of working on Flexible buses including those who have done complete bus repowers, restorations, and their fair share of tinkering on buses in general.



9. **Ten raffle tickets** (per bus registration) for Saturday Night Prize Raffle – we’ve already begun lining up plenty of fantastic prizes, including *Bus Conversion Magazine subscriptions!!!*

10. **Outdoor Movie Night** – Come enjoy fresh popped popcorn and a classic bus-themed movie on the big screen! Weather permitting, this event maybe relocated inside the conference hall.

11. **Flxible Bus Rally, Loudonville 2020 magnet** (one per registration) – sure to be a sought-after piece of memorabilia!!!

12. **Flxible Bus Rally, Loudonville, Ohio custom sticker** and goodie bag!



13. **Flxible Owners International bi-annual meeting.** This event is for FOI members only – if you aren’t a member and want to take part & get all of the discounted rates for the Rally – simply **JOIN for ONLY \$20 for 2 years!!!** If you might be interested in being more involved and would like to know more about the officer positions which will be elected during the meeting – we will have a designated time to explain all of this during the Potluck Dinner on Thursday evening – we’d be lucky to have you help out!!

14. **Flxible Bus Awards** – we’ll be taking nominations and voting for a variety of awards including Oldest Bus, People’s Choice, Came from Farthest Away, Newest Bus, Best Restoration, Best Repower, and Took the Longest to Restore!

The City and people of Loudonville have devoted much of their history to Flxible buses and a number of the local businesses have really stepped up to the plate to offer sponsorships and donations in-kind to make the Flxible Bus Rally a remarkable event while helping us to keep the costs down for our Rally attendees. We think it only appropriate to showcase to the public and Loudonville community these amazing marvels of engineering. Thus, we have made arrangements with the Mayor of Loudonville, City Council, and the Ohio Dept of Transportation to make the Bus Parade bigger and better than ever before!!

Saturday’s Bus Parade will include a live DJ and announcer, public voting for Bus Awards, 50/50 raffle and a 2-hour viewing of the Flxible buses in downtown Loudonville. The buses will park in the middle of Main Street while the street is blocked off during this time. This will afford the Rally participants a **unique opportunity to showcase their buses, tour downtown Loudonville, patronize local stores – many are sponsors of the Flxible 2020 Rally, grab lunch/coffee/ice cream, etc.** There will be two food trucks (Exclusively Yours Catering and Grant’s Guac & Roll) also stationed in downtown for additional food options. A gracious

donor has arranged for a 70'x3' sign to be hung over Loudonville's Main Street for 3 weeks leading up to the Bus Parade to increase public awareness of this first-ever event.

Bus owners are not required to allow the public to enter their buses during this time but are encouraged to let folks take a step inside/quick peek of their bus - *it might increase your chances of being voted People's Choice Award and taking home the BIG TROPHY!!*

****** Please provide a narrative about your bus: year, make, model, paint colors (this will help the announcer identify which bus he is reading about), where and who you purchased your bus from, where the bus lives now, what it was originally used for, any upgrades/restorations, fun facts, adventurous/humorous travels, anything else fun and interesting about your bus

- this will be read aloud and announced by the MC during the Bus Parade
- the more interesting and intriguing, the more likely people are to vote for **YOUR BUS!!!!**
- provide this narrative in an email to briansantin@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES!! FUN!!!

Mohican Adventures - <https://www.mohicanadventures.com/>

why just camp when you can do so many other fun and exciting activities right at Mohican Adventures. From River Trips of canoeing, kayaking, rafting, tubing or group paddling, to a climb through the adventurous aerial park, mini-golf, or riding go-karts - Mohican Adventures has some of the best outdoor entertainment for the whole family. We encourage Rally Registrants to book these activities in advance and preferably to take place on Wednesday afternoon but feel free to enjoy them at any time during the Rally (may conflict with other Rally events). Mention you are with the Flxible Bus Rally when scheduling so that you can enjoy spending more time and getting to know other Flxible Bus Nuts while having fun!!! We anticipate the Go-Karts will be a big hit - think of them as buses just smaller, HAHA!

15% discount for Flxible Bus Rally Registrants - mention code: Flxible

Malabar Farm Tours (\$9/person FOI member, \$10/person nonmember; fee includes transportation *limited to the first 46 people to sign-up* departing and returning to Mohican Adventures) <https://www.malabarfarm.org/>

The House Tour is an hour guided tour of the historical Big House owned by Louis Bromfield and has all of the original furnishing and art work that was in the Bromfield home while he and his family lived there from 1938-1956. You will learn about Louis Bromfield, one of Ohio's Authors and Conservationists.

The Wagon Tour is an hour guided tour of the grounds, tractor drawn tour wagon. Talks about the history of the farm pre-dating Bromfield (pioneers that settled on the property and historical figures that are said to have visited the grounds) and also some of his farming practices and some of the things going on now.

Landoll's Castle Tour & Lunch (\$22/person FOI Member, \$24/person nonmember; fee includes transportation *limited to the first 46 people to sign-up* departing and returning to Mohican Adventures) <https://landollsmohicancastle.com/>

Enjoy the stately majesty of times past in a luxurious castle. Located deep in the heartland of Mohican country and Loudonville, Ohio, the estate offers unprecedented luxury in its lodging and seclusion. It started with a dream and a love of European castles. During a two-year tour in Europe, now retired Army Veteran, Jim Landoll vowed to himself that if he ever made enough money in his life he would build a castle in America. He did just that and you will learn all about the trials and tribulations of building a castle.....kind of like restoring a bus - you never know what you are getting into!!! HA!

Followed by lunch at the Copper Mug Restaurant - pasta buffet overlooking the peaceful Mohican forest. Pasta Buffet includes meatballs, grilled chicken breast, alfredo and marinara sauces, garlic toast, farmers market display, and a salad.

Ohio State Reformatory Tour (\$17/person FOI Member, \$19/person nonmember; fee includes transportation *limited to the first 46 people to sign-up* departing and returning to Mohican Adventures) <https://www.mrps.org/>

Walk the same halls as history's most infamous prisoners. Immerse yourself into the foundation that formed *The Shawshank Redemption* - this is the site where the iconic movie was filmed. Whether you're hunting for the paranormal or simply looking to tour the beautiful architecture, you can find it here at The Ohio State Reformatory on our guided tour.

If you are not a member of the Flxible Owners International but would like to become one - we would welcome you to the club and it couldn't be any easier to become a member!

You can save \$\$\$ on your 2020 Rally registration *and* activity fees by simply checking the box on the Registration Form saying "YES I want to be an FOI member!"

As a FOI member, you will be supporting the preservation of historic Flxible buses, receive **Flxible Bus Newsletters** with articles about Flxible buses, and get **Member Discount** pricing at our Rallies.

Be sure to include the \$20 FOI membership fee (valid for 2 years) along with you Rally Registration fees.



Flxible Bus Rally 2020 Registration Form

Loudonville, Ohio - Home of the *original* Motor Coach

Name(s): _____

Last

First

Spouse/Guest

Children (under 12) _____

Address: _____

Street, PO Box, Apt No, etc

City

State

Zip

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____

**Registration Deadline:
Saturday, August 1st**

Coach Information: _____

Make, Year, Model

I/We will be attending the Flxible Rally but plan to stay at a hotel/B&B nearby
(Landoll's and Blackfork Marken offer discounted rates, mention Flxible to get the discount)

I/We will be arriving on (circle one): Tuesday(8/25) Wednesday(8/26) Thursday(8/27) Friday(8/28)

FEES	FOI Member	Nonmember	TOTAL
Registration Fee (per bus, non-refundable)	\$ 20	\$ 25	x___ = _____
Malabar Farm Tours (transportation included, <i>limited to the first 46 to sign-up</i>)	\$ 9/person	\$ 10/person	x___ = _____
Landoll's Castle Tour & Pasta Buffet Lunch Meatballs, grilled chicken breasts, alfredo & Marinara sauces, garlic toast, salad (transportation included, <i>limited to the first 46 to sign-up</i>)	\$ 22/person	\$ 24/person	x___ = _____
Thursday BBQ Dinner ¼ bbq chicken, 3/4lb ribs, corn on the cob, baked potato, cole slaw, rolls & butter	\$ 12/(adult) \$ 6/(child<12)	\$ 16/(adult) \$ 8/(child<12)	x___ = _____ x___ = _____
Ohio State Reformatory Tour (transportation included, <i>limited to the first 46 to sign-up</i>)	\$ 17/person	\$ 19/person	x___ = _____
Saturday Dinner Amish prepared meal: baked chicken, roast beef, amish noodles, green beans, salad, bread, desserts	\$ 18/person \$ 9/(child<12)	\$ 20/person \$ 10/(child<12)	x___ = _____ x___ = _____

YES, I want to be an FOI member for 2 years & get the FOI member pricing - ADD \$20.00

TOTAL: \$ _____

Send this completed registration form to:

Brian & Crystal Santin
630 W Main Street Suite 200
Wilmington, OH 45177

Makes checks payable to: Brian Santin