



A Great RR Leader has Graduated



June 1942 – June 2023

James Edward "Eagleheart" Barger was born June 19, 1942, in Lima, to Donald D. and Ruthann (Hammond) Darnell. He was adopted in 1946, by Wallace C. and Mary A. (Ridge) Barger of Tiffin, where he was raised. Graduating from Tiffin Columbian High School in 1960, he entered U.S. Marine Corps, serving as an Aviation Radio Technician, where he earned honors for outstanding performance. He was one of the original employees of Continental Cablevision and worked there for many years before starting his own broadband telecommunications consulting and construction businesses. He served as Chairman at RotaMax and BargerTech International with his

son, Eric, for several years in the rotary engine manufacturing business. energy, and clean water 4AWL.

In 1961, he married high school sweetheart Kathleen Ann "Chum" Mathias at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. They had 10 children. Their 38 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, great-great-granddaughter were his pride and joy and he loved them all unconditionally. Their immediate family tree numbers 110.

In 1972, he determined to follow Christ and became involved in Royal Rangers, a mentoring ministry for boys and young men where he served locally, nationally, and internationally for many years as the elected president of the National Royal Rangers Council. Jim conducted training for Royal Ranger leaders in Australia, Malaysia, Vanuatu, Indonesia, Fiji, Singapore, Finland, and Nepal as well as extensively throughout the USA. His family was one of the founding families of New Life Assembly of God in Findlay, where he served in many positions including board member and facilities director. He was a past President of Findlay Area Youth for Christ and Secretary for the National Royal Rangers Camp at Eagle Rock, Missouri. He worked building churches in Mexico, Bolivia,

and Malawi. A noted storyteller, he was much in demand as a motivational, inspirational speaker traveling throughout the USA.

On two separate occasions, he made extended intercessory prayer treks into Tibet, culminating in a circumnavigation of Mt. Kailash. Three months were spent teaching in the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) Chaplain's School in New Sudan where 96 soldiers were being trained in Biblical knowledge and pastoral methodologies. He authored articles appearing in various trade and religious periodicals as well as two books based on his travels in Tibet, "Invading the Mountain of Darkness," and Israel, "Discovering Israel."

Jim enjoyed trolling for walleye on Lake Erie, deer hunting, football, and NASCAR, but his greatest joy was being with family. He hopes to meet each and every one in Heaven. Week long reunions, first Mathias Mass Meetings then Barger Bashes, were a family staple since 1975.

For Michigan, Jim served as Pow Wow and Snowflake event speaker on many occasions. He served as a valuable resource for our leadership, offering advice and support. He was a great friend to the Michigan District.



Our Minecraft adventures continue into the summer with our camp at Lost Valley, Gaylord on **August 3-6**.

Our theme, Minecraft 2.0, focuses both on the interactive game and also the spiritual theme (Romans 8: 5-6) of letting your mind be led and governed by the Spirit. Competition and fun games are planned around this theme. In addition Lost Valley provides a great place for full activities: ranges, swimming, disc golf and field games.

The hillside provides a great place for life changing services and worship. The LV camp also provides a cabin option, meal package options and snack bar facilities.

Bring you boys and men and join us a for a great summer event. Forms and information are available via email (michrangers@ymail.com) or website (michrr.com).

Junior Training Camps 2023



For boys in your outpost that are in 5th grade and above, the Junior Training Academy is a great challenge in leadership, skills and spiritual growth. These camps provide a small group (patrol) environment to build teamwork and leadership.

Originally these camps were offered at the end of the June but have been re-scheduled. They will

now be offered concurrently during Summer Adventure camp at Lost Valley on **August 2-5**. Register before July 21st for the best rate.

Visit michrr.com for the flyer and application. Contact Peter Posont, piposont@sbcglobal.net for any questions.

A foundational camp for leaders is being offered in the Great Lakes Region. This camp is scheduled for **Aug 25-27** at the Lake Placid Conference Center in Hartford, Indiana.



National Rangers Ministry Camp (NRMC) will give instruction in basic outdoor skills and activities providing leaders with the skills needed to take their Ranger boys on exciting outpost activities outside their normal weekly meeting times. Instruction in effectively implementing the team-patrol method will be offered as a means to facilitate junior leadership development. Also, leaders will be challenged to connect with God and explore spiritual manhood.

Here is the link to sign up: <https://brushfire.com/agusa/rangers/547193>

Lost Valley Men's Retreat



All men and boys (14+) are invited to the 8th annual Men's Retreat at Lost Valley on **September 15-16, 2023**.

The event speaker is **Dan Kersten**, Director of Development and Communications for Men's Ministries and Light for the Lost. Dan is a writer, photographer, communicator, dedicated missions partner, and is ordained through the Southern Missouri District of the Assemblies of God. He also helps create, and develop ministry resources for leaders and men, and assists our districts/networks and local churches to assimilate our resources.

Activities include shooting sports, fishing & boating, knife & hawk throwing, and an optional golf package. All meals included.

Register at michmen.org/lost-valley-mens-retreat

Upcoming Event Reminders

All Dates subject to change
Follow information on www.michrr.com

- Aug 2-5** JTC / ATC Camps
Lost Valley, Gaylord
- Aug 3-6** Summer Adv Camp
Lost Valley, Gaylord
- Aug 18-20** Warriors Journey
Military Family Camp
Lost Valley, Gaylord
- Aug 25-27** NRMC Camp
Hartford, IN
- Sept 15-16** Men's Retreat
Lost Valley, Gaylord
- Sept 22-24** FCF Fall Trace,
Martin, MI
- Sept 29-30** Metro RR Fall Camp
Kensington Park