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Message From the President



Happy Thanksgiving! We're wishing you a special day with family and friends and safe travels along the way.

What a great time we had at our Fall Campvention in September. Thank you to all attended and helped make our final 2018 campout together so enjoyable. We missed those who were unable to join us—you missed a good time. Our final RV outing was in October for the Western Council District 1 Halloween Campout, which was another great time, with an added bonus of having four families in the Slow Travelers Retiree Chapter join us for the weekend.

MSCA 2019 Camping Schedule: Spring Campven-

tion is April 26-28 at Cottonwoods RV Park in Columbia, MO and Fall Campvention is September 13-15 at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville, MO. Put these dates on your schedule now so you won't miss out on the fun with friends.

MSCA will join with the Illinois State Association in having a FCRV booth at the St. Louis RV Show January 31-February 3, 2019. Historically our associations have gained new members and we appreciate those assisting with this and the follow-up meetings. We're investigating the feasibility of a booth at the Kansas City RV Show January 17-20.

Our RV is unpacked and winterized, but remaining are the memories of the good times we

had all year and our determination to do more camping in 2019.

Christmas is rapidly approaching. We love this time of the year and try to focus on the "reason for the season" in the midst of the hustle and bustle of being ready for each festivity.

Wishing you a Very Special Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year. Love to Each of You, Our Friends




Wishing you all the joys of the holiday season and peace and joy throughout the new year



Don & Edie Hensley

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MSCA Sunshine



Contact our Sunshine Chairperson to report the name and address of members for sending wishes from Missouri State Campers Association

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~ Get Well ~ Sympathy ~
 ~ Thinking of You ~



**CHAPTER NEWS
 IS ALWAYS
 NEEDED!!!
 Your newsletter
 is what YOU
 make it!!**



MISSOURI STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hopefully everyone has survived Thanksgiving and the dreaded 'Black Friday' madness!

We all have so much to be thankful for, family and friends are a couple of things that should be high on our list. As the Holiday season approaches, we all need to take time and be thankful for those people who make our lives enjoyable.

The month of November has been a little out of the ordinary. Frigid cold and early snows have plagued not only us here in Missouri, but a lot of the country. We normally don't need to winterize our trailer before we head south, but this year we did. Hopefully, by the time you read this, all will be back to normal.



Camping season for a lot of people has come to an end, others try to find warmer weather by heading south. Plans have been made for the coming years camping season, chapter schedules are being finalized. Which ever group you're in, don't forget, March 19-24 (early days 15-18), is the 48th International Retiree Rally in Houma, LA

The Chairs and Co-chairs have been and will continue to work hard, planning the Rally. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Barb and I want to wish each and everyone of you a "Merry Christmas" and a Happy New Year"

Dal/Barb Dodson
Missouri State Directors
Missouri State Directors
FCRV



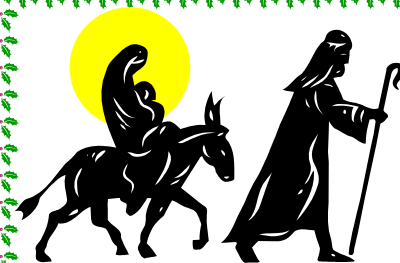
Remembering special friends like you and wishing you all the happiness of this holiday season.

Have a Very Merry Christmas
Missouri FCRV State Directors
Dal and Barb Dodson



Remembering special friends like you and wishing you all the happiness of this holiday season.

Have a Very Merry Christmas
Pitch-"N"-Pull
Kansas City Chapter



May this glorious day of our Savior's birth resound with hope and peace on earth! Merry Christmas!

John and Cheryl Barnes
Kansas City Chapter



Merry Christmas To All
and
A Happy New Year
Dave and Pat Crow
Field directors—Saint Louis



Warmest Holiday Wishes!
May your home be filled
with warmth and happiness
during the holidays
and through the new year.

Luella Sprague



Wishing you the very best
at Christmas and
throughout the coming year
Happy Holidays!
Donella



May all the Joys
of the Season be yours!

Merry Christmas

Betty Knaust - Former member of
Missouri Travelers



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Paul and Beth Standiford





Special Wishes
for a
Very Merry Christmas

Homer and Delores Leaton



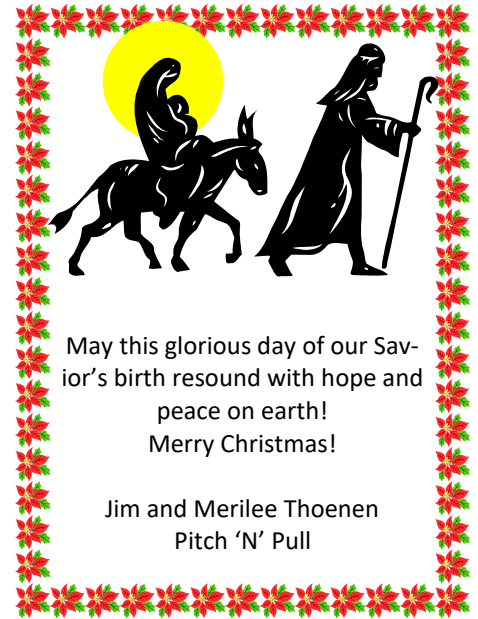
Christmas
A time for sharing,
a time for caring,
a time to gather with family and
friends. Wishing You the Merriest
Season Ever.

Don Romay



Remembering special friends like
you and wishing you all the
happiness of this holiday season.
Have a Very Merry Christmas

Jack and Pat Thomas
Slow Travelers



May this glorious day of our Sav-
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peace on earth!
Merry Christmas!

Jim and Merilee Thoenen
Pitch 'N' Pull



Silent Night, Holy Night

May the true spirit
Of the holiday season
fill your heart
with peace and love!

The Millers
Mel and Sharlene

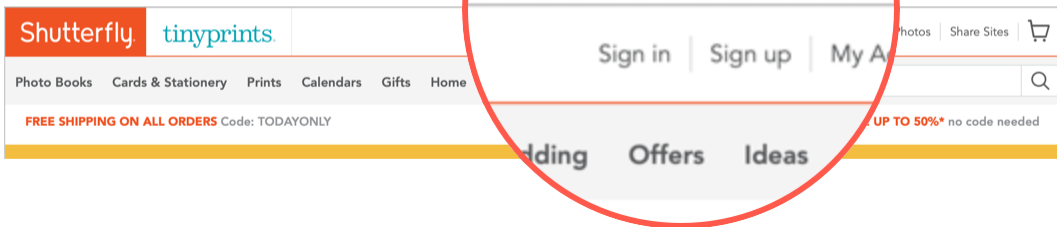


How To Sign Up For MSCA Website

Many members of FCRV have expressed an interest in signing up to post pictures and comments on the FCRV web site. Because the process is not as easy as we might like step by step instructions are included in this article.

STEP 1

From your web browser go to <http://www.shutterstock.com>. Click on the sign up button at the top of the page. If you already have a Shutterstock account you can skip this step.



STEP 2

A sign up dialog box will appear similar to that shown on the left. Depending on which browser you are using the dialog box may vary. Fill in all of the boxes. When all of the have been filled in you should click on Join Now. This will create a Shutterstock account but does not yet give you member access to the MSCA website.

Sign up ×

Join Shutterstock to enjoy exclusive benefits

First name:

Last name:

Email address:

Confirm Email address:

Password:
(6 - 10 characters)

Re-enter password:

Yes, I accept the Shutterstock terms and conditions.

Join now

Already a Shutterstock member? [Sign in](#)

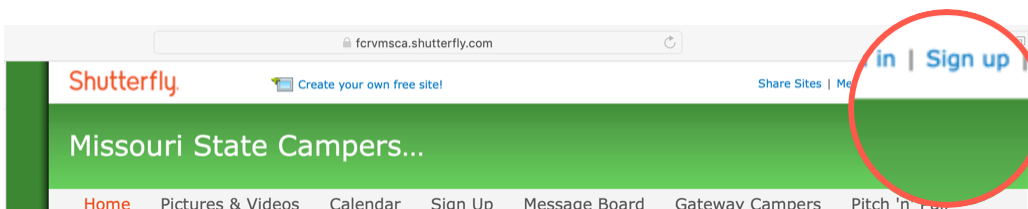
Benefits of a Free Shutterstock Membership

- Share your pictures and videos with friends and family
- Create your own free website
- Securely store your images for a lifetime-at no cost
- 50 free 4x6 prints

Yes, please send me offers and info on new products and services.

STEP 3

The next step is to go to <http://www.mofcrv.org> or <https://fcrvmsca.shutterstock.com>. Both of these links will take you to the same page. Click on the Sign up button at the top right of the page.



STEP 4

A dialog box similar to that shown below will appear. Click on the Sign in at the bottom of the dialog box. You will be asked to sign in to your Shutterfly account.

Sign up

Join Shutterfly to enjoy exclusive benefits

First name:

Last name:

Email address:

Confirm Email address:

Password:
(6 - 10 characters)

Re-enter password:

Yes, I accept the Shutterfly Terms and Conditions.

Already a Shutterfly member? [Sign in](#)

Benefits of a Free Shutterfly Membership

- Share your pictures and videos with friends and family
- Create your own free website
- Securely store your images for a lifetime-at no cost
- 50 free 4x6 prints

Yes, please send me offers and info on new products and services.

Sign in

Sign in to add comments, order prints and create photo products.

Email:

Remember my email address

Password:

[Forgot password?](#)

Not a member? [Sign up](#)

STEP 5

Your name will be added to the member list as a Visitor. Click on the line that indicates to “Ask to become a member”. Another box will appear for you to fill in. Fill it out completely and click on “Ask”. You will receive a message that indicates your request has been sent.

Site members

15 members [See all members](#)

Hello Paul S (Visitor)
[Ask to become a member \(why?\)](#)

Ask to become a member

Click 'Ask' to request access to the site "Missouri State Campers Association" using the email address below. You can include a personal message.

Email address:

Name:

Message:
(optional)

STEP 6

At this point your request has been sent to the “Owner / Administrator” of the site. If you are a member of MSCA you will be granted access to add pictures, comments to pictures, etc. When access has been granted you will receive an email indicating that you are now a member of the site. Future logins will only require you to go to the MSCA site and login as a member.

STEP 7

If you are also a member of Slow Travelers you will need to request membership on that site also. The address for the Slow Travelers site is <https://missourislowtravelers.shutterfly.com>. At this point just follow steps 3, 4, and 5.

If you have any questions please contact [Dal Dodson](#) for issues on the Slow Travelers site and [Webmaster](#) for the MSCA site. There is no telephone support for these sites without first contacting one of the administrators via email first. Thank you for your cooperation. A copy of these instructions will be posted on the MSCA site soon and will be updated as issues arise.

Feed My Sheep - Food and Thought



Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty

Beth Standiford - State Chaplain

At the Fall Campout, Lazy Days Campground, Montgomery, MO, the Sunday morning devotion was based on a reading from Chicken Soup for the Soul and talked about random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.

Writing this article the day after Thanksgiving brought to mind the thoughts of shopping yet to be done and the crowds of which I am going to be a part and the probably weary salespeople I am going to face. I am hoping to be kind and gracious to those who show themselves to be more Scrooge than Mr. Rogers. Oscar Wilde said, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." Aesop said, "No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted."

Kindness happens when you see a need in another person and answer that need, regardless of your own situation or desire, and expect nothing in return.

Most people will hold a door, pick up a package, reach something you can't, so forth. The hard part is when you, and everyone else, are over tired, over hungry, and stressed. Take a breath; plan ahead and take a snack or candy bar (and not that I promote any specific one, there is one out there called, "Kindness"). While you're at it, grab a handful of that leftover Halloween candy and share with checkouts and stocking clerks.

Sharing and caring reminds me of what God has done and continues to do for us.

Grace is when God gives us what we don't deserve and mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve.

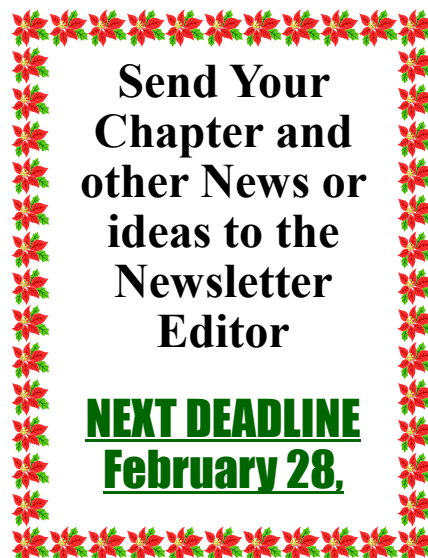
So for this next busy couple of months, may you be shown a random act of kindness and pass it along.

I found the following recipe in my Mother's box of recipes. I hope you find this oldie to be a goodie.

Mother Schele's Nut Bread

1 egg well beaten
2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup milk
1/2 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup nuts
2 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt

Sift together the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder
Add to beaten egg and milk (Mother usually puts egg in milk, beats then adds dry ingredients).
Bake at 350 until toothpick comes out clean.



Saint Louis RV Vacation and Travel Show - 2019

Get ready for RV Show starting January 31 thru February 3 at America's Center in downtown St. Louis. There will be an FCRV booth there. If not helping to staff the booth, stop by and say "Hi". And let us know if you bought a new RV.

Hours:

Thursday, 10:00am - 9:00pm
Friday, 10:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Regular admission - \$10.

Children ages 6-12 - \$5

Children ages 5 and under admitted FREE.

A Senior discount price of \$6 for those age 60 and over will be available on Thursday & Friday only.

Free admission for all military and first responders with ID. Does not apply to their guests.

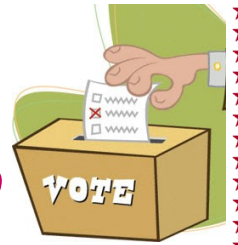
If you are a MSCA member and would like to assist with staffing the booth please contact Pat Crow at 314-831-1194. First timers will be paired with experienced workers so don't let that stop you.

Hope to see you there.
Dave and Pat Crow
FCRV Field Directors
Saint Louis





**PLEASE CONSIDER
 SUBMITTING A
 NOMINATION OR TWO**



**MSCA CHAPTER OF
 THE YEAR AND
 CAMPER OF THE
 YEAR AWARDS**

Rules for Chapter of the Year and
 Camper of the Year For 2018

1. Members must be in good standing of MSCA and FCRV.
2. Activities must be performed in the 2018 calendar year. Previous years' activities will not be accepted.
3. All nominations must be signed. If unsigned, the nomination will not be accepted.
4. Judges will be non-MSCA members, if at all possible.
5. Awards will be presented at the MSCA Spring 2019 Campvention in May.

Forms are available from Don and Edie Hensley or Dal and Barb Dodson (contact info page 2).

Submit nominations to: Don and Edie Hensley, NE 44th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64117-1977
 Email: dhensley16@kc.rr.com

**Cutoff date for
 receipt of letters of
 nomination is
 March 1, 2019.**

NOMINATION FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARD FORM

Year _____

Nominee Name _____

Address _____ City _____ S/P _____ Zip _____

Nominees are judged only on the information given below. Please fill in information in each category listing positions held and accomplishments at each level. Be thorough. Individuals who work hard at the Chapter and State/Provincial level are very important to FCRV. Enough emphasis can not be placed on the need to fill in each category. The number of nominations submitted for an individual is not as important as being thorough and complete for each category. Use additional sheets if necessary. Again be thorough.

(A) Year nominee joined FCRV _____

(B) Leadership

(C) Achievements

(D) National Service

(E) National Achievements

(F) Community Involvement

(G) Special Recognition



December, 2018 already????!!!!
Where did time go? We had a great time every time we got together.

Those of you who attended Big Creek for our October campout know what a fun time we had with our Haunted Hospital. While the campground is already booked for that weekend, I recommend you get on the waiting list now for next year's unofficial campout. Even if dressing up is not your thing, the food at Thee Abbey is A-MAZ-ING and the history and sites of interest (Elephant Rocks and Highest Point in Missouri) in the area are wonderful.

Congratulations to Jerry and Kathy Tannehill who took first prize for Scariest Couple as Dr. Shock and Ginger Vitas, as well as Beth Standiford who won first place for 16 and over. I don't know where you found those eyes, Jerry, but, ooohhhh; gross! but in a good way. And the chapter won first place for creepiest site. Check out the photos!

Our display included lots of bloody sheets, containers of eyes, a bowl of brains, vials of bodily fluid samples, guts and rats. Thanks to all who provided medical equipment to give it a realistic feel right out of a Wes Craven movie! Oxygen bottles, IV's, and trays of totally bogus

and scary looking instruments (aka rusty, odd looking tools)

And the kids really loved the treats provided. Popcorn was served in "bloody" bags, with other treats in an ominous appearing black box and cauldrons. The effort to "recruit" some "customers" to our hospital was not surprisingly met with reluctance. No one wanted to donate an ear (hey, they've got two!) or a finger (even better, they've got TEN!) But all intended victims left with all parts intact and some even left smiling.

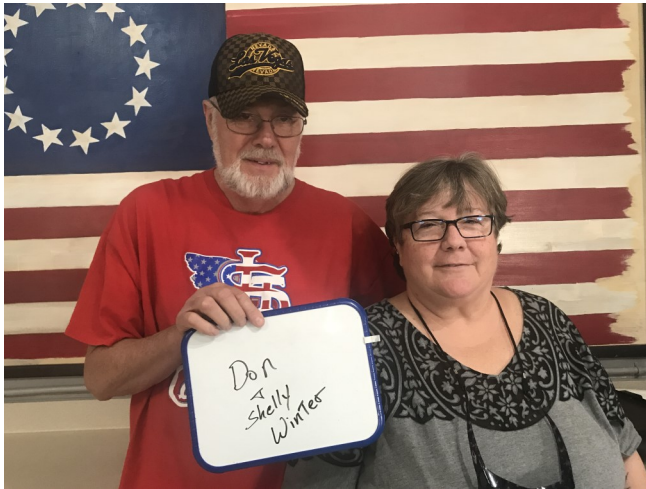
Many thanks to all who participated (which was everyone who attended!) Looking forward to the event in 2019 - Theme TBD but actively seeking suggestions.....please.

Thanks also to Don Hopkins for serving as our new chapter president, Craig Owens for continuing as chapter secretary and Carl Staas for stepping in as our treasurer. You are appreciated.

Scheduled campouts for next year are:
MSCA Spring Campout April 26-27, Cottonwood
April 5-7, Whittington Woods
May 17-19, Onondaga Cave State Park
June 21-23, Mark Twain Cave & Campground
July 19-21, Double J
Aug 16-18 Blue Springs
Sept 27-29 Pere Marquette
Oct 11-13 Echo Bluff
Oct 18-20 Big Creek Halloween Event "Unofficial campout)



New Members



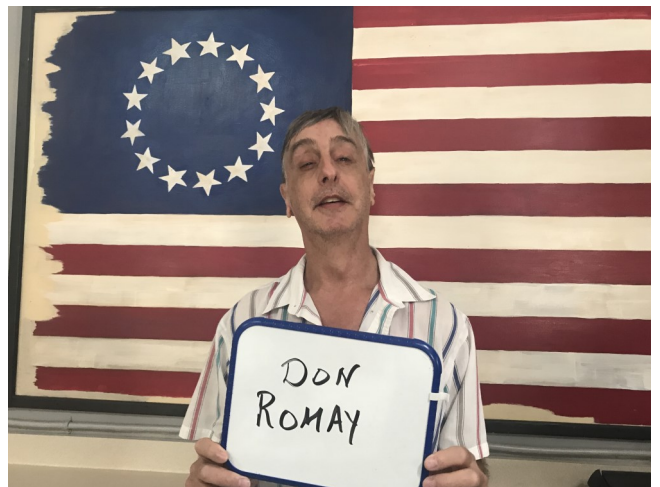
Don and Shelly Winter—Gateway



Leilani and Anthony Burnham—Gateway



Dave and Cindy Reid-Gateway



Don Romay—Gateway and Slow Travelers



Jerry and Leona Herweck-Gateway and Slow Travelers



Claude and Cheryl Tougas—Gateway

NOTE: I really like the pictures in front of the flag. This fall I would like to start taking new pictures of all the members until they are all the same format. My apologies to any new member that I omitted.

Gateway also has new members Mike and Sue Buss but no picture available at "press time".

MSCA News and Highlights



MSCA officers L-R Don Hopkins, Carl Staas, Sharlene Miller, Edie Hensely, Don Hensley



Kaitlyn Musselwhite



Brian, Kaitlyn and Beth Musselwhite



Katie Kurburski and Kaitlyn Musselwhite



Thanks to Gateway Campers for the great breakfast on Saturday morning



Thanks to Mike Croxton for his service as president of MSCA. It wore him out.



Ways and Means

Best Choice UPC labels And Pop Can TABS

Please remember to save Best Choice UPC labels, which generates at least \$60 per year for the Missouri State Campers Association.

Also, continue to save aluminum pop can tabs as well. These are turned in at the International Campvention, with the proceeds going to benefit the closest Ronald McDonald House in the Campvention area.

Bring what you have to each of the State Campouts so I can take them with me to Campvention!

Thanks!!!
Donella Wilkes, Chairperson



Slow Travelers



Slow Travelers - Retiree Rally - Tallahassee Florida



Slow Travelers - Amana Colonies - Amana Iowa



Slow Travelers - Arrow Rock State Historic Site

Slow Travelers Campouts

- Hidden Valley Outfitters campout (Lebanon, MO) - Arrival May 19 (Sunday) // Depart May 24 (Friday) -- **Address:** 27101 Mari-gold Dr // **Phone:** (417) 533-5628
- Osage Beach RV Park (Osage Beach, MO) campout - Arrive Sep 15 (Sunday) // Depart Sep 20 (Friday) -- **Address:** 3949 Campground Rd, Osage Beach, MO 65065 // **Phone:** (573) 348-3445
- Treasure Lake (Branson, MO) - Arrival Nov 4 (Monday) // Depart Nov 12 (Tuesday) - Contact Alan Bahl

More Chapter News???

Your chapter news could have been here but I did receive it. All Chapter presidents please send the name of a contact person that is willing to take a few minutes to contribute articles to the newsletter. Keep in mind that most people receive this electronically so pages and space can always be added for news, pictures, schedules, recipes, etc.

Please send articles to Newsletter_Editor@mofcrv.org
Next newsletter deadline is February 28, 2019.

Membership Application

Missouri State Campers Association, Inc.

Chartered Under National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc.
(dba Family Campers and RVers)

Name _____
(Last) (Husband) (Wife)

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Chapter _____

Current Chapter Office Held _____
(President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)

I hereby apply for membership (renewal) (new) in Missouri State Campers Association, Inc. and enclose my annual dues of \$10.00 for the year 2019. A part of this amount is for a subscription to the *Missouri Camper*.

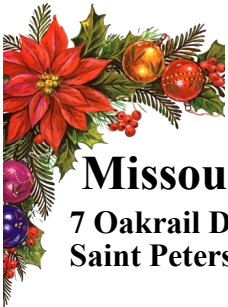
FORWARD TO MSCA TREASURER

Edie Hensley, 5023 NE 44th Terr., Kansas City, MO 64117-1977

Schedule of Events!!

- ≈ St Louis RV Show - January 31-February 3, 2019
- ≈ Retiree Rally * March 19-24, 2019 * Houma, LA
- ≈ Area 1 Western Council April Fools Campout * * Lathrop Antique Show Park * Lathrop, MO
- ≈ MSCA Spring Campout * April 26-28, 2019 * Cottonwood RV Park * Columbia, MO
- ≈ International Campvention 2019 * July 8-12, 2019 * Kansas State Fair grounds * Hutchinson, KS 67502

Mark Your Calendar!



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