



Message From the President

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and Wonderful Christmas, and are healthy and happy in this new year. We were blessed to have special times with our immediate family and also with church families for the inspirational music, candle light and other services.

What a winter we're having! Did I mention snow? We've had 37 days of snow fall since December, around 26 inches along with periods of rain, sleet, and ice. Sometimes we hired a younger guy to do the removal due to the depth, being wet and heavy, and ice under and on top of the accumulation. We try not to grumble seeing how much more other areas have gotten and enduring other trials.

March 20 is the official arrival of Spring, our favorite time of the year. Our early blooming flowers are coming up indicating Mother Nature must also be ready for

Spring.

We miss seeing all of you and are anxious to go camping again. Our first outing is April 5-7 for the Area I April Fool Campout at Lathrop Antique Grounds, Lathrop, MO. The registration form and other details are in this newsletter. This is always a fun campout with crafts, family games, Easter egg hunt, good food and lots of visiting. Come join us; you'll be glad you did!

Reports from this year's FCRV booth at the St. Louis RV Show indicate that over 100 people signed for interest in FCRV. We extend a big thank you to those helping in the booth and assisting with follow-up meetings and communication with those prospective members.

Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship; Be sure you have MSCA 2019 Camping dates on your calendar: Spring Campvention April 26-28 at Cottonwoods RV Park in Columbia, MO (573.474.2747) and Fall Campvention September

13-15 at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville, MO (573.564.2949). Make your

reservations directly with the campground now to assure a campsite is saved for you. No charge will be assessed to your credit/debit card until you check in at the campground.

Thank you Don Hopkins for serving as our 2nd Vice President this year. See Don's article in this newsletter detailing events for the Spring Campvention at Cottonwoods RV Park the end of April. We are eagerly look forward to seeing all of you there.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Everyone enjoy these holidays and have safe travels. Take care of yourselves—you're special to us.

Don & Edie

MSCA President



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In Memoriam

Gerald Everett Herweck of Saint Peters, Missouri died on Friday December 21, 2018 at the age of 71. Preceded in death by his parents the late Everett M. and Marion G. Herweck and his sister, Debbie Heisler; Survived by his beloved wife, Leona Mae Herweck; Devoted father to Heather Mae (Andrew) Herweck-Luckner and Jeremy Everett (Ryan) Herweck; Loving grandfather to Ethan Herweck and Christopher Luckner; Dear brother of Wesley (Linda) Herweck. Gerald was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He and his wife shared a wonderful life together raising their two children, they loved to travel and enjoy time together. Gerald attended Gateway Church. He was a true outdoorsman who could often be found enjoying activities such as hiking, fishing and hunting. Classic cars and coin collecting were a few hobbies he enjoyed. Above all things Gerald loved his family and treasured the time spent with his grandchildren. Gerald will be dearly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. (Editor's note: Jerry, along with his wife, Leona, joined Slow Travelers and Gateway Campers in 2018.)

Missouri State Director's Report

By the time you read this, spring will have 'sprung' in some parts of the country. One part being southern Louisiana. Pack your stuff in the RV and come on down to the International Retiree Rally in Houma. We would like to see you come and enjoy the Rally.

For you not coming to the Rally, won't be long you'll need to de-winterize and start camping with your local chapters. MSCA is scheduled for April 26-28 at Cottonwoods RV Park in Columbia. Make your reservations and mention you're with MSCA.

Also, the Campvention is in Hutchinson, Kansas this year. Probably as close to home, as it will be for a while. Plan on coming and the first 211 to register are full hook ups. All buildings are air conditioned. This is a good time to come support our Missouri Teen Queen. Dates are July 8-12, with early days starting July 5. Forms are in Camping Today or I can forward it to you.

Don't be afraid to volunteer, whether at the chapter, state or national level, this camping organization, runs with people willing to step up and help. There are always people willing to give you help or information, if you want to take on a position. Some say, "But I've never done that." We've all had to ask questions and/or ask for advice, so don't let that stop you. Thanks to all of you

that do volunteer!

Thank you!!, to all that participated, in membership recruitment, at the RV Show!

Take care and we'll see you down the road!

Dal & Barb Dodson



Field Director's Report

Dave and I thank everyone who helped to make the FCRV booth at the St. Louis RV show a success. For Missouri and Illinois combined, we had a record number of 109 people stop at our booth to chat and sign up for information, 62 of these were from Missouri. Jack Thomas, Mike Croxton and myself, called those families that did not respond to an e-mail regarding the get acquainted meeting. The meeting was held on February 16th with 4 families attending. I believe Gateway Chapter signed up 2 new families and The Slow

Travelers possibly 1 new family. I think the weather was a factor in the low attendance. We have some names for people outside the St. Louis area that we are sending info to and we will keep in touch with them. So we are looking forward to meeting new members around the campfire this year.

Dave and Pat Crow

*FCRV Field Directors
St. Louis area*



*Conservation Magazines
Available to MSCA Members*

At the September MSCA meeting Mike Croxton mentioned an article that Edie Hensley had written for Conservation Magazine. Edie mentioned that it was available free to all MSCA members. After a follow-up with Edie it was determined that the magazine in question is no longer available to all members. Please see reply from Edie below.

Recently Conservation Federation of Missouri decided to feature affiliate in their Conservation Magazine. MSCA was selected and, at Mike's request, I wrote an article that

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1st Vice President Report



Welcome all from beautiful Jonesburg, where we are again waiting for the snow and ice to begin once again. Hope this finds all of you happy, healthy and ready for camping. The 2019 St. Louis RV show is now history, and thank you to all that worked the FCRV booth. We had a lot of interest shown by the attendees, and many signed to attend the meet and greet. But as luck would have it, the day before the meet and greet, the snow and ice came again. The large number we were hoping for, I assume stayed away because of the weather. 2 families that did attend signed with FCRV and Gateway Campers. Also represented at the meet and greet were Slow Travelers. ALFS (Illinois) MISCA, and of course FCRV. Scott Serbousek made a great presentation to those in attendance.

Speaking of the snow, and we have had plenty, Lazy Daze Campground suffered damage

due to the heavy snow. The roof of the meeting room collapsed and the building is a total loss. I drove by there on February 18th to see what was happening. When I got there all I found was an empty slab of concrete, and snow. I called and spoke to the owners and was assured that the reconstruction of a new and improved meeting room would be complete by the beginning of camping season. So all is well at Lazy Daze.

Hope to see you all in April at Cottonwoods.
Lets Get Camping!

Butch Staas

1st VP



Daily Bread

As we camp together in a group (think "flock") we always need someone to lead us, (think "shepherding") that is, do the planning, set up the first campsite so others know where we all should be. Someone generally scouts the area for activities or plans the meals. Someone's campsite is chosen as where we should all gather. At the Spring Campout in April at Cottonwoods RV Park, the Sunday devotion will be on the 23rd Psalm. This Psalm, well known and loved by many, has some interesting meaning behind the words. While the words of the Psalm speak to our heart and offer comfort, I hope you'll join me

on Sunday morning to find a deeper meaning behind them and give you even more reason to love it. In the meantime, here's an easy, heart-warming recipe to hopefully put you in the right frame of thought to review this Psalm.

Beth Standiford

MSCA Chaplain

Easy Shepherd's Pie Recipe from SimpleRecipes.com

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Yield: Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds potatoes (about 3 large potatoes), peeled and quartered
- 8 Tablespoons (1 stick) butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1-2 cups vegetables—diced carrots, corn, peas
- 1 1/2 lbs ground round beef
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt, pepper, other seasonings of choice

1 Boil the potatoes: Place the peeled and quartered potatoes in medium sized pot. Cover with at least an inch of cold water. Add a teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook until tender (about 20 minutes).
2 Sauté vegetables: While the potatoes are cooking, melt 4 tablespoons of the butter in a large sauté pan on medium heat. Add the chopped onions and cook until tender, about 6 to 10 minutes.

If you are including vegetables, add them according to their cooking time. Carrots should be cooked with the onions, because they take as long to cook as the onions do.

If you are including peas or corn, add them toward the end of the cooking of the onions, or after the meat starts to cook, as they take very little cooking time.

3 Add the ground beef, then Worcestershire sauce and broth: Add ground beef to the pan with the onions and vegetables. Cook until no longer pink. Season with salt and pepper.

Add the Worcestershire sauce and beef broth. Bring the broth to a simmer and reduce heat to low. Cook uncovered for 10 minutes, adding more beef broth if necessary to keep the meat from drying out.

4 Mash the cooked potatoes: When the potatoes are done cooking (a fork can easily pierce), remove them from the pot and place them in a bowl with the remaining 4 Tbsp of butter. Mash with a fork or potato masher, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

5 Layer the meat mixture and mashed potatoes in a casserole dish: Preheat oven to 400°F. Spread the beef, onions, and vegetables (if using) in an even layer in a large baking dish (8x13 casserole).

Spread the mashed potatoes over the top of the ground beef. Rough up the surface of the mashed potatoes with a fork so there are peaks that will get well browned. You can even use a fork to make creative designs in the mashed potatoes.

6 Bake in oven: Place in a 400°F oven and cook until browned and bubbling, about 30 minutes. If

necessary, broil for the last few minutes to help the surface of the mashed potatoes brown.



Slow Travelers

Thanks to all that helped at the St Louis RV show and for those who also helped out with the meet and greet.

These are the campouts that are scheduled with MSCA and Slow Travelers for 2019

1. Retiree rally at Houma La. March 15 through 24 this includes early days
2. MSCA campout Cottonwood campground in Columbia Mo. April 26 27 and leave on the 28.
3. Slow travelers campout at Hidden Valley Outfitters May 19 through 24 Lebanon Mo
4. FCRV Campvention Hutchison Kansas July 5 through 12
5. MSCA campout Lazy days campground Danville Mo September 13 and leave on the morning of 16
6. Slow travelers campout Osage beach September 16 through 20

7. Branson Mo Veterans week November 3 through 12
Treasure lake campground

Hope to see you all soon and have safe travels

Until we meet again

Jack

President, Slow Travelers

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was included in the September 2018 issue. The magazine is available for free on the website: https://issuu.com/missouriwildlife/docs/september_2018_vol_79_no_5.

Our membership contact in CFM has been out of the office thus responded this week to my inquiry about MSCA members receiving the subject magazine. I was unaware that a few years ago the CFM board made the cost-cutting decision to mail this publication only to officers of affiliates listed in their annual report, which I complete in March. Their form has one space for Vice President so I have used 1st VP name and address.

Another interesting and colorful publication, Missouri Conservationist, is published by the Missouri Conservation Department and is free to Missouri households. You may subscribe online at mdc.mo.gov/conmag.

Edie

Missouri State Campers Association

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting: September 15, 2018

Lazy Day Campground, 214 Highway J Danville, Missouri 63361

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Missouri State Campers Association was held in the clubhouse at Lazy Day Campground, on Saturday, September 15, 2018. President Mike Croxton called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Chaplain Beth Standiford gave the Invocation and attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary, Sharlene Miller called the roll of Chapters. Delegates in attendance were:

- Gateway Campers: Paul Standiford
- Pak-N-Go: Absent
- Pitch 'N Pull: David Gish
- Slow Travelers: Jack Thomas
- Non-Affiliate: Homer R Leaton
- Non-Affiliate and Past President: Don Hensley
- State Directors Dal and Barb Dodson
- MSCA Officers:
 - o President Mike Croxton
 - o 1st Vice President Carl Staas
 - o 2nd Vice President - Absent
 - o Secretary Sharlene Miller
 - o Treasurer Edie Hensley

Also, in attendance were several MSCA members.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

President Croxton asked Sharlene Miller to read the minutes of the April 28, 2018 Board Meeting. Don Hensley made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes and accept them as published in the Missouri Camper, Volume 23, Issue I. Carl Staas seconded the motion and it was approved.

President Croxton asked Treasurer Edie Hensley to give the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed highlights of the financial report May 1, 2018 through September 14, 2018. The Total Income was \$451.50 and Total Expenses were \$210.59 for this period. Leaving a Current Balance of \$6192.67. The Current membership: 44 members and 5 honorary members.

President Croxton asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Financial Report. Hearing none the report was accepted as presented.

President's Report:

Mike Croxton extended a welcome and thanked all for coming. He reported that he even though he made an announcement at dinner last night explaining that anyone can attend the Board of Director's Meeting it did not appear to increase the attendance at the meeting today.

There are about 22 to 24 units camping this weekend.

Mike Croxton thanked Edie Hensley for writing an article about MSCA for the Conservation Federation Magazine. Edie explained that every family unit or individual member should receive a copy of this magazine as part of their MSCA membership. If you are not receiving your copy, please let Edie Hensley know so she can notify them.

1st Vice President's Report

Carl Staas thanked Paul Standiford for volunteering to do serve as editor of the Missouri Camper newsletter. This is a volunteer position and he will be serving as editor until he is unable or unwilling to serve. A reminder

to all attendees to submit articles about your Chapters and members to Paul to be included in the newsletter.

2nd Vice President's Report

No report.

State Director's Report

Dallas Dodson reported that the plans for the Retiree Rally in Houma, Louisiana, Spring 2019 are going well.

Upcoming campouts include:

- 2019 Retiree Rally at Houma, Louisiana
- 2019 Campvention at Hutchinson, Kansas

SCW Region Director's Report

No report. Debbie Ludwig absent.

Membership

Mike Croxton said that 3 or 4 new couples / members were recruited from the St. Louis RV Show last February. They have joined chapters as well increasing their numbers. Additional discussion concerning participation in the RV shows was discussed later under New Business.

Paul Standiford stated that all MSCA members should act as ambassadors for MSCA. Most couples / members join because they know someone who is already a member.

Program Chair Reports:

- **CAMPProgram:** Donella Wilkes submitted her report to Mar Croxton. Any walking or approved CAMP activity should be reported to Donella Wilkes for record keeping. She will distribute the coupons.
- **Hansen Scholarship Fund,** Luella Sprague – Luella Sprague submitted her report to Mar Croxton: Current balances - checking \$2328.26 and CD \$6097.43.
- **Sunshine, Luella Sprague** – Luella Sprague submitted her report to Mar Croxton. She sent 3 cards since the spring campout. Reminder please send Luella information if you know of someone who has been ill or has lost a loved one. Luella Sprague. Address: 2016 N. Ashley Drive, Independence, MO 64058 OR e-mail: dswilkes0160@comcast.net
- **Ways and Means,** Donella Wilkes – Mar Croxton reported that Donella sent reminder to save pull tabs and Best Choice UPC labels for donations.
- **Website,** Paul Standiford – Paul reported that there was not a lot of activity on the MSCA website (www.mo.fcrv.org). Paul puts any news he receives about Chapter events on the website. There is also a Shutterfly.com site for MSCA members to share news of camping activities and to submit photos. The URL is www.msca.shutterfly.com Must register to get email about new information posted or to post information such as newsletters, chapter schedules, and pictures. If you need help please contact Paul.
- Legislation. No chairman. No report.
- Historian. No chairman. No report.
- Conservation. No chairman. No report.
- Wild Life. No chairman. No report.
- Youth. No chairman. No report.
- Teens. No chairman. No report.
- DASAT. No chairman. No report.
- Awards. No chairman. No report.
- Suggestion to send Get Well and Thinking of You Cards to Donella Wilkes and
- **Chaplain,** Beth Standiford – Devotions will be at 9:00 Sunday morning.

Old Business.

None

New Business.

Mike Croxton asked whether there was interest in sharing a booth again with ILSCA if they decide to participate. Sharing the booth helps with the vendor fee. In the past, Scott Serbosek, FCRV Vice President of Planning and Development, has been able negotiate the price to rent the booth for half price us and then

MSCA and ILSCA split the fee. Making a significant reduction in the price of the booth.

If the Board decides to have a booth at the St. Louis show volunteers are needed for: set-up and tear down; to work the booth; packet preparation; participate in follow up activities after the show which consists of contacting people who sign-up for more information and then with hosting the get acquainted event following the show.

There was discussion about having a booth at the Kansas City RV show or other recruitment activities to promote membership in the western part of Missouri. The price of the booth for this show is substantially higher and in recent years MSCA has elected not to have a booth at that show. Pat Crow suggested that it might be possible that the Kansas State Campers Association would be willing to split the cost of a booth at the KC RV show similar to what is done with Illinois.

There was discussion about alternating years for participation at the St Louis and Kansas City RV shows.

Don Hensley agreed to find out the cost of a booth at the Mid-America RV Show in Kansas City. The dates for the show are January 17-20, 2019 at the Kansas City Convention Center. He will provide the information to Dal Dodson. Mike Croxton appointed the following people to work as a Membership Committee:

- Dave & Pat Crow*
- Dallas & Barb Dodson*
- Dave Gish*
- Jack Thomas*
- Don Hensley*

There was no other New Business.

Jack Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting and David Gish, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Miller, Secretary.

Missouri State Campers Association
Minutes General Membership Annual Meeting: September 15, 2018
Lazy Day Campground, 214 Highway J
Danville, Missouri 63361

The Annual Meeting of the Missouri State Campers Association was held in the clubhouse at Lazy Day Campground, on Saturday, September 15, 2018. President Mike Croxton called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Old Business:

There were two items of business:

- 1. Election of officers for 2019*

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

- President – Don Hensley*
- 1st Vice President – Carl (Butch) Staas*

- 2nd Vice President – Zhamie Riviera & Don Hopkins
- Secretary – Sharlene Miller
- Treasurer – Edie Hensley

President Mike Croxton asked if there were nominations for any of the offices from the floor.

- President – None
- 1st Vice President – None
- 2nd Vice President – None
- Secretary – None
- Treasurer – None

Edie Henley made a motion that nominations cease. Carl Staas seconded the motion. Motion carried. Paper ballots with the nominations were provided 1 per family and 1 to individual members. The ballots were counted by Paul Standiford and Dallas Dodson. The officers elected for the 2019 year are:

- President – Don Hensley
- 1st Vice President – Carl (Butch) Staas
- 2nd Vice President – Don Hopkins
- Secretary – Sharlene Miller
- Treasurer – Edie Hensley

2. Selection of campsites and dates for 2019 campouts.

- **Spring Campout 2019:** The suggestion was made to camp at Cottonwood RV Park at Columbia, Missouri. The price per night is \$32. This includes use of the Club Room. All weekends in April were available. The consensus of the group was to arrive on Friday, April 26 and leave on Sunday, April 28, 2019.
- **Fall Campout 2019:** The suggestion was made to camp at Lazy Day Campground at Danville, Missouri. The price is \$30 per night. All weekends were available in September. The consensus of the group was to arrive on Friday, September 13 and leaving Sunday, September 15, 2019.

New Business

Newsletter:

Paul Standiford reminded everyone to submit articles to him for the quarterly newsletter, Missouri Camper. The newsletter is sent to members via e-mail. If you prefer to have a hardcopy mailed to you make sure you make a request to Paul and provide your mailing address.

Paul would like for each Chapter to select a reporter and if possible submit an article to the newsletter for each issue. Pictures are encouraged.

Paul stated that he will be continuing the Christmas greetings in the newsletter. He has the templates available and forms. Price of the Christmas greeting is \$10. Please complete your forms and turn in to Paul to purchase your Christmas greeting.

State Director (Dallas Dodson)

Installation of Officers:

Dal requested that everyone stay for a few minutes after the meeting is adjourned for the installation of the 2019 officers.

Upcoming Activities

- Retiree Rally: March 19-24, 2019 at Houma, Louisiana. Earlybird days are \$25 per night. Campsites have electric and water only. Honey Wagon service will be available.
- International FCRV Campvention: July 8-12, 2019 at Hutchinson, Kansas. There are 211 full service sites on concrete pads. To be assured of getting a full hook up site, register early. Forms are in the FCRV

Camping Today magazine.

Cadet Program

The Cadet Program is available for first time members. New members may join and get 18 months membership for the price of 1 year for the first year.

Membership Certificates

- *Ron and Donna Langhier – 5 year certificate (not present) – Dal will see to it that they receive their certificate.*

President Mike Croxton reminded everyone of the remaining activities for this weekend.

- *Potluck dinner at 5:30*
- *Missouri Teen Queen*

Contest following dinner

- *Special guest will be introduced after dinner*

- *Winners of the Chinese Auction*

- *Bring your items for the Food Pantry which will be donated to a local church.*

Paul Standiford needs to get pictures of new members for the Shutterfly website.

President Croxton asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Paul Standiford moved to adjourn the annual meeting; Carl Staas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Miller, Secretary.

AREA I WESTERN COUNCIL ~ APRIL FOOL CAMPOUT

Lathrop Antique Show Park ~ Highway 33 ~ Lathrop, Missouri
April 5-7, 2019

Preregistration.....	\$ 5.00
Camping Fee.....	\$40.00
Total.....	\$45.00

Make Check Payable to: Western Council

Mail to: Sheila McMillen
9231 N.W. 316th Street
Gower, MO 64454-8412

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter _____ Handicapped/Special Needs _____

Hobo Parking All Electric Sites Water and Dump Station Available
Please Preregister by March 29 , 2019

Area I Western Council April Fool Campout
Lathrop Antique Show Park, Highway 33, Lathrop, MO
April 5-7, 2019

Hobo Parking; Electric Sites, Water and Dump Station Available

Friday Night

- 6:00 Pot Luck Meal ~ Bring meat and other dishes to share and your table service.
- Card Bingo ~ Bring wrapped white elephant gift(s) for prizes

Saturday

- Crafts by Luella Sprague ~ Cost \$5.00.
- CAMP Activities by Donella Wilkes
- Lunch on your own
- Family Games and/or Table or Board Games of your Choice.
- Youth Activities and Easter Egg Hunt by Sheila McMillen.
- 5:30 Meal. Pork Loin, Smoked by Rodney McMillin, and Drinks furnished. Bring dishes to share and your own table service.
- Business Meeting; Award Presentations; Reports
- Drawing for Door Prizes donated by chapters and non-affiliates

Come camp with us for good food, fun, and fellowship

MSCA Treasury Statement

May 1, 2018 - September 14, 2018

Edie Hensley, MSCA Treasurer

Opening Balance

Date 4/28/2018

\$5,951.76

Income

Spring Campvention Activity Fee	\$115.00
Sat. Night Meal @ \$5/Person \$245 - \$60 to Burns/Pork	185.00
Chinese Auction Proceeds	111.50
2018 Membership Dues Reid, Romay, Tannehill, Wilkes	<u>40.00</u>

Total Income

\$451.50

Balance Before Expenses

\$6,403.26

Zhami Rivera 2nd VP Expenses - Sat. Night Meal	\$34.34
Rimbursement 1 Night Camping Fee First Timers 5 @ \$32 Reid, Romay, Burnham, R.McMillen, C. McMillen	160.00
Don Hensley - Reimbursement MSCA Annual Registration	16.25

Total Expenses

\$210.59

Current Balance 9/14/2018

\$6,192.67

44 Members, 5 Honorary Members



Pitch-“N”-Pull

Submitted by Linda Gish

Members enjoyed a great 2018 camping season with a week at the Amana Colonies and all they have to enjoy and also included a day trip to Pella, Iowa for the annual Tulip Festival. Our next campout was at Thibaut Point Park in Warsaw, MO where we visited the Truman Dam, one afternoon the gals did a painting project and we enjoyed outdoor movies. Our final camp out was at Table Rock State Park in Branson, MO where we went to the annual Vintage Trailer Meet at the KOA. If you enjoy seeing the older trailers, they had nearly 100 there! It makes a great afternoon activity. We also went to Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, dinner on the Branson Belle and some went to Silver Dollar City. We ended up the year with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and a Christmas meal followed by awesome desserts.

We started 2019 with lunch and several members attending the Kansas City RV Show where one of our couples purchased a brand new trailer (Congratulations to them!!). We are all looking forward to our 2019 camping season with trips planned for May 1-4 to Mark Twain Cave Campground in Hannibal, MO and Sept 8-13 at Majestic Oaks Campground in Eldon, MO followed by a final campout Oct 7-11 at DamSite COE Campground in Hermitage, MO. We also have several couples planning to attend Campvention in Hutchinson, KS in July.





Editor's Note: I have also added these pictures to the MSCA web site on the Pitch "N" Pull tab. Check them out full size.



Complete Camping Schedule 2019

March 15 – 24 Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma LA (FCRV Retiree Rally)

April 5 – 7 Whittington Woods Campground, Benton IL (Gateway Campers)

April 26 – 28 Cottonwoods RV Park, Columbia MO (MSCA)

May 1 – 4 Mark Twain Cave and Campground, Hannibal MO (Pitch N Pull)

May 17 – 19 Onondaga Cave State Park, Leasburg MO (Gateway Campers)

May 19 – 24 Hidden Valley Outfitters, Lebanon MO (Slow Travelers)

June 21 – 23 Mark Twain Cave and Campground, Hannibal MO (Gateway Campers)

July 7 – 13 FCRV National Campvention, Hutchinson KS

July 19 – 21 Double J Campground, Chatham IL (Gateway Campers)

August 16 – 18 Blue Springs Ranch, Bourbon MO (Gateway Campers)

September 8 – 13 Majestic Oaks Campground, Eldon MO (Pitch N Pull)

September 13 – 15 Lazy Days Campground, Danville MO (MSCA)

September 16 – 20 Osage Beach Campground, Osage Beach MO (Slow Travelers)

September 27 – 29 Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton IL (Gateway Campers)

October 7 – 11 Dam Site COE Campground, Hermitage MO (Pitch N Pull)

October 11 – 13 Echo Bluff State Park, Eminence MO (Gateway Campers)

October 18 – 20 Big Creek RV Park, Annapolis MO (Gateway Campers)

November 3 – 12 Treasure Lake Campground, Branson MO (Slow Travelers)

You don't have to be a member of the chapter to attend any FCRV campout but make sure to contact a MSCA officer or chapter president for additional details before you attend.

Slow Travelers President - Jack Thomas - captjack2554@hotmail.com

Gateway Campers - Don Hopkins - dhopkins2024@hotmail.com

Pitch N Pull - Dave Gish - dgish5275@yahoo.com

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Newsletter Information

At the current time, the plan for the newsletter is to publish on a quarterly basis. I am willing to do it on a more frequent basis if you, the reporters, are willing to contribute.

Until then, the deadlines for contributions to the newsletter will be March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. A request for articles will be sent out approximately 2 weeks prior to the deadline and again about 2 days prior to the deadline. I plan to send out requests for Christmas ads in early November to allow plenty of time for receipt of your ad and payment.

Previous newsletter editors were using Microsoft Publisher. Since Microsoft Publisher will not run on a Mac (and all of my computers are Apple products) I have begun using a different application. The first two issues were done with Microsoft Publisher but this issue and future issues are being done on a native Mac application. I know many could care less about this and really, the only reason I am telling you all of this is that I will need to adapt the Christmas ads to the new application. I'm not sure yet how I am going to go about doing this but I'll try to keep them looking as much like the previous ads as possible.

Please feel free to make suggestions or write an article for the newsletter. Maybe you took

an RV trip and would like to share your experience. Or maybe you had a new addition to the family. Feel free to share. And pictures are always welcome.

And one more thing about the deadlines. for articles. I will begin producing the newsletter as soon as articles begin coming in. I will take articles after the deadline but will not hold up publication of the newsletter. So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your articles in as soon as possible.

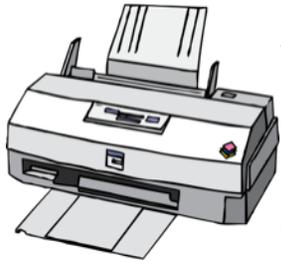
So, once again,

Next Newsletter Deadline June 1, 2019



Don't forget - Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00 a.m. So be sure to set your clocks forward by one hour.

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Membership Application

Missouri State Campers Association

Chartered Under National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc.
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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 _____. A part of this amount is for a subscription to the Missouri Camper.

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