

Message From the President



By the time you read this article many of you will already be preparing your RV for the 2020 camping season. Some of you may have already begun camping for the season. And of course, some you may have spent the winter in warmer climates and avoid that dreaded winterization completely. I know that Beth and I are looking forward to hitting the road again this year. It will start with the Retiree Rally in Dothan AL. Hope to see many of you there. If you have not attended a Retiree Rally please give it some consideration. You do NOT have to be retired to attend. All you need is some vacation time. Please look for information in this newsletter on four proposed changes that the Board of Directors will vote on at the Spring MSCA campvention. These are

not major changes, but are simply an attempt to change the bylaws to match the processes currently in use by MSCA. Please let your chapter delegate know if you have any concerns about any of these proposed changes.

I have noticed that there is some confusion on the organization of FCRV. As such, there are times when members think they have paid dues but find out that they have paid to the wrong level of the organization. If you think of FCRV as National, State and Local (just like the government) it might be easier. And the dues for FCRV can be thought of as taxes – National, State and Local. In the case of FCRV you have the international dues (\$35 per year payable on your membership anniversary), state dues (\$10 per calendar year payable to state treasurer, and chapter dues (may vary per chapter) payable to chapter treasurer. Not to confuse the issue (although I am afraid it might) some chapters may collect the state dues and forward it to the state treasurer at one time. I hope this helps to clarify the organization.

Finally, please remember that this is a volunteer organization. It can not exist without volunteers. There are many director positions that remain unfilled. Please let me

know if you would consider volunteering for a vacant position.

And, as always, let me or any of the board members know if you have any suggestions or concerns about the organization. We want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Blessed Easter.

Paul & Beth Standiford



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Friends and
Friends
Become
Family**



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Newsletter Information

Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter. There is always room for more information. 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.

I have asked each chapter to contribute articles but anyone is welcome to contribute. Don't think you have to be a great reporter - just send the information and we can reformat it for you.

Next Newsletter Deadline June 1, 2020

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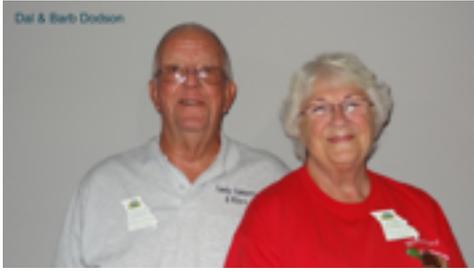
Scan the QR code below to go to the MSCA web site or click on either link below.

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Missouri State Director's Report



Are you ready? It's just about time.....time to de-winterize your camping rig. Spring is just around the corner and time to get things ready. Some RV's have been sitting all winter, so check the tires, make sure the battery is good. If it has been a while, might need to check wheel bearings. No one likes trouble on the road, so do a little trip preparation before you go. It could save you some time and trouble.

Some of us will be heading to Alabama to the Retiree Rally and some will be getting ready for chapter camp outs. Whatever you do, get ready and go camping. It gets rid of the winter "blahs".

Retiree Rally is March 24-30 in Dothan, AL, with early days starting the 20th.

MSCA Meeting, May 1-3 at The Big Red Barn RV Park in Carthage.

SCWR Regional, June 19-21, Coachlight RV Park, Carthage.

Barb and I did something this winter we haven't done in quite some time, we stayed home. We usually leave for the winter to somewhere south, but decided to "stay put". So far, not been a bad winter, although I get 'cabin fever' after a few days. She's

probably sorry we stayed in, with me under foot as much as I am. Maybe that's why she keeps telling me I need to do this or that and it's always in the garage or somewhere outside!

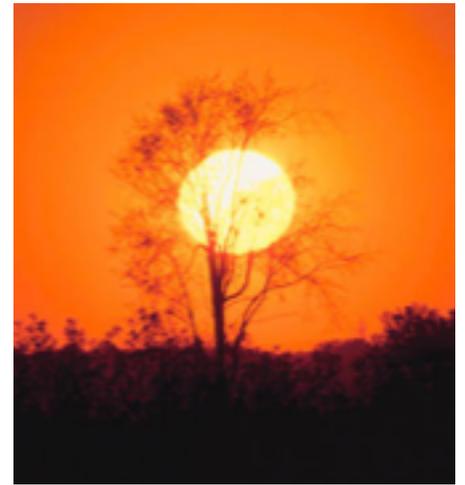
Don't forget, while camping with your chapter or by yourself, FCRV is

"Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!"

Notice your fellow campers, give them a wave or a greeting. Sometimes that's all it takes to strike up a conversation that leads to inviting them to give our organization a try.

Hope to see you at the Retiree Rally in Dothan, if not, Lathrop in April, or the MSCA meeting in May.

Dal & Barb Dodson



MSCA Sunshine

Contact our Sunshine Chairperson to report the name and address of members needing cards from Missouri State Campers Association.

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~ Get Well ~ Sympathy ~

~ Thinking of You ~

Sympathy

We have received word that Susan Ward's brother passed away on February 22, 2020. Please keep Susan, Roger and their family in your prayers.

Also received the following email from John Brandriff, the son of long time FCRV member Marjorie Sackett. I regret to inform you that Mrs. Marjorie A. Sackett, my mother, left this life for a much greater one last February. She held precious her many years and roles within your fine organization, and I gained quite a few great childhood memories while among you, as well. You might notify other members of her passing in a subsequent issue, if you like. She passed on Feb. 15, 2019.

With Kindest Regards,
John W. Brandriff

Field Director's Report



We are tired of the cold and can't wait to start the camping season. Our first trip will be to Dothan, Alabama for the FCRV Retiree Rally. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends. All of the chapters have their camping schedules set so, consider camping with other chapters this year. We encourage everyone to have FCRV brochures handy as you camp. That way you can share them, and information with anyone who is interested in learning about FCRV and perhaps would like to join. We will have them available at the Spring MSCA campout. Till then, safe and happy travels.

Dave and Pat Crow

FCRV Field Directors St. Louis area

First Vice President



Hopefully this finds all of you well and anxious to get out camping! I know I am ready. The warmer weather can't come soon enough. This has been a rough winter for Jan and me. We lost our precious dog Socks. She will always hold a special place in our hearts and the hearts of those who knew her. And then came the puppies. Alley and Callie. Two little energy bombs wrapped in fur. (Morkies) What were we thinking. But they sure make us smile and laugh! Jan and I will not make the spring State campout. Our son Nathan and our soon to be daughter-in-law will be getting married on that Saturday. So everyone get out there and light up those camp fires! Enjoy And see ya all soon!

Butch and Jan Staas

Second Vice President

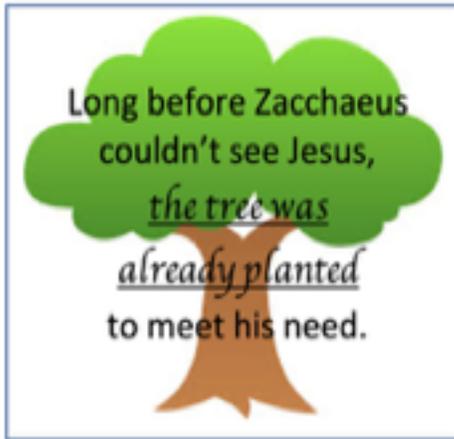


Greetings everyone, hope all is well. It's been another year and it's that time once again for fellowship for one and all, I hope you'll had a great year. The dinner on May 2nd will be spaghetti with either red or white sauce, bread and a salad. please bring a side dish or dessert. Following supper and before the Chinese auction I will be going over the rule of threes, and be giving a small lecture on RVs , CO-LP and smoke detectors and talk about portable electric heaters. See full agenda for the weekend elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jack and Pat Thomas



Feed My Sheep



I wanted to share this meme with you and let you know how it really hit me. I guess I had gotten complacent in the knowledge that God cares for my every need. I hadn't really thought about any planning that might have gone into His care for me. He prepared a place for me (John 14:2). That means He went ahead of me, where I couldn't see (the future, the location). So many times, things have gone so very right that I think I have been able to almost see His fingerprints all over an event. Now I can't help but wonder what He has planned for me in the future. What seeds have been sown by Him to show His grace and mercy? Is camping like this as well? We travel from place to place and if we've made a reservation, a spot is waiting for us. The campground has prepared a place for us. Perhaps Heaven is like that campground. Have we made our reservation by being baptized and believing? What events have taken place that paved the way or made it possible? Perhaps it doesn't matter if we see them or not but rather in everything, give thanks.

During the MSCA Spring Campout May 1-3 at The Big Red Barn in Carthage, MO, the Sunday Devotion will be at 9:00 AM in the meeting area. A light snack will be provided

and the topic (at this time) is on Things Seen and Unseen. It'll only last about 15 minutes so I hope you'll set aside this time to attend. If you have any questions or concerns that I can help with, please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, I have included another quick and easy recipe for you to try. Perhaps you could make a double batch of this easy main dish and freeze one for whatever lies ahead on your road. See you 'round the campfire!

***DIET COKE SLOPPY JOE'S ***

6 SERVINGS - 4 PTS EACH
 1 lb extra lean ground beef
 1 med. onion chopped
 1 1/2 Tablespoon flour
 1 cup of diet coke
 2/3 cup ketchup
 2 Tablespoons of vinegar
 1 Tablespoon of Worcester sauce.

Brown beef and onion in large skillet. Drain well. Stir in remaining ingredients in the order listed. Mix well. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes! Enjoy!

Beth Standiford
 MSCA Chaplain

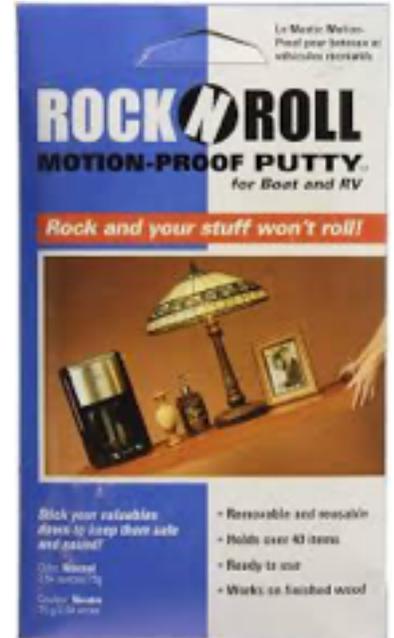


Product Review

by

Beth Standiford

Hello Campers, Just wanted to put in my two cents worth on a product I use every single time I camp. Rock



N Roll Motion-Proof Putty. This is an inexpensive and easy to use item that in my opinion no camper should be without. I secure many of my items in my camper with this product and I NEVER have to pack it away when we travel from place to place. I have secured items such as the Scentsy warmer on my dinette table, a crock with cooking tools in the kitchen, a leg lamp in the bedroom, and an automated room deodorizer in the bathroom. Once secured, these items need never be packed away while your camper, RV, or motorhome is in motion. Yet, when I want to move them, the items are easily removed and the putty is just rubbed off without damaging either the item or the surface to which it was attached. It's clear, has no odor and is reusable. Anyone who would like to see how well it works can stop by my camper and see it. I hope you will stop by. Thanks for listening.

Slow Travelers

Hope all is well with everyone's health.



Just a reminder that we do breakfast on May 2 from 8:00 to 9:15. We will be serving biscuits and sausage

gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice. I would appreciate any help preparing and serving breakfast. The cost of breakfast will be \$5 per person.

For those that are going to Dothan Alabama, please have safe travels and if anybody wants to meet up the night before or prior to going into the rally on March 20 give a shout out to discuss where to meet.

Until we meet again

Jack

Christmas Ads

Several Christmas ads arrived too late (for a variety of reasons) to be included in the Winter issue of Missouri Camper. They were from the following three people / chapters.

Don and Edie Hensley
John and Cheryl Barnes
Pitcn - N - Pull



Even though our winter was fairly mild, it's always nice when the sun shines, the temps warm

up and it is time to start planning ahead to camping trips with friends. Pitch-"N"-Pull is looking forward to a great camping season in 2020. We start off this year with 2 couples heading to Alabama for the Retiree Rally in March and then April 22 to 27 we all travel to Winterset, Iowa to explore the birthplace of John Wayne. Our next camp out will be at Campus RV Park, June 10-15 in Independence, MO to check out some of the local history in our own back yard. We will gather again September 21-25 at Binder Lake Campground in Jefferson City, MO where there is still more history to be found. In October we will settle in at Table Rock State Park from Oct 14-19 for our last campout of the season. We're looking forward to having lots of fun, fellowship and good times in 2020.

Spring Campout Is Seeking Donations to the Carthage Crisis Center

The Carthage Crisis Center (<https://carthagecrisiscenter.org/index.php/about>) has been reaching out to men and women in the Carthage area since March 1996. This non-profit organization has grown over the years with the understanding that when God gives the vision, He will give the provision and He supplies all our needs. A Christian organization supporting men, women, children and veterans. They provide shelter, food, clothing, household items and employment assistance as well as a place for those who wish to serve their fellow man and community. Please join me at the Spring Campout in generously donating pantry items of all kinds to this organization. I will be accepting your donations throughout the camping weekend, ending with the Sunday devotion at which time we will give everything to the staff at The Big Red Barn who will deliver it on our behalf. Thanking you in advance for your generosity and caring to those needing a hand up.

Beth Standiford
MSCA Chaplain

Complete Camping Schedule 2020

- March 20 - 23 — Retiree Rally Early Days, Dothan AL
- Mar 20 - 22 — Gateway Campers - Whittington Woods Campground, Whittington IL
- March 24 — Retiree Rally Days, Dothan AL
- April 17 - 19 — Gateway Campers - Big Creek RV Park, Annapolis MO
- April 22 - 27 — Pitch 'n' Pull - Winterset City Campground, Winterset, IA
- May 1- 3 — MSCA Spring campvention - Big Red Barn RV Park, Carthage MO
- May 3 - 8 — Slow Travelers - Wanderlust RV Park - Eureka Springs AR
- May 15-17 — Gateway Campers - Mark Twain Cave Campground, Hannibal, MO
- June 10 - 15 — Pitch 'n' Pull - To Be Determined
- June 12 - 14 — Gateway Campers - Binder Park Campground, Jefferson City, MO
- June 19 - 21 — SCWR Regional - Coachlight RV Park, Carthage MO
- July 13 - 17 — 60th International Campvention, Brigden, ON Canada
- Jul 24 - 26 — Gateway Campers - Double J Campground, Chatham IL
- August 7 - 9 — Gateway Campers - Hawn State Park, Ste. Genevieve MO
- September 11 - 13 — MSCA Fall campvention - Lazy Day Campground, Danville MO
- September 14 - 18 — Slow Travelers - Double J Campground - Chatham IL
- September 21 - 25 — Pitch 'n' Pull - Binder Park Campground - Jefferson City MO
- September 25 - 26 — Gateway Campers - Coon Creek Campground, Shelbyville, IL
- October 14 - 19 — Pitch 'n' Pull - Table Rock State Park, Branson MO
- October 16 - 18 — Gateway Campers - Big Creek RV Park, Annapolis, MO

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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AREA I WESTERN COUNCIL ~ APRIL FOOL CAMPOUT

Lathrop Antique Show Park ~ Highway 33 ~ Lathrop, Missouri
April 17-19, 2020

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 April 10, 2020*

**Area I Western Council April Fool Campout
Lathrop Antique Show Park, Highway 33, Lathrop, MO**

April 17-19, 2020

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.
Coffee, iced tea and lemonade furnished.
- Card Bingo ~ Bring wrapped white elephant gift(s) for prizes

Saturday

- Crafts by Sharlene Miller
- CAMP Activities (walking, bicycling, etc.)
- 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. Ham ~ Smoked by Rodney McMillin ~ 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-affiliate

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

Campvention 2021 Cover Design

The Trustees , along with much help from across both countries, will be hosting Campvention 2021. We have formed our steering committee and working teams, but one of our top priorities at this stage in planning is to have a design for our registration form and Campvention Booklet. We are soliciting ideas from the membership. As each submission is received, it will be given a number. The Trustees will judge the designs by their assigned number and not the submitter's name nor state or province. Art work can be in color but must also look good in black and white. The intent is to use the design as the cover page of the booklet (roughly 5"x7") and at least parts of the design for our registration form.

The prize for the chosen submission will be FCRV's new light weight jacket personalized with your name.

The following information must be contained in your submission.

1: Campvention Theme – "Wander Wisconsin"

2: Campvention number – 61st

3: Campvention date – July 11-16, 2021

4: Campvention Site – Elkhorn Wisconsin

Submissions must be received by Jack Smye by May 1, 2020. The winner will be notified by mid May 2020.

Submissions may be mailed -see address below, or e-mailed. Submissions may be done free hand -so long as it is reproducible- or by Power Point, Word, Publisher.

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Please take the time to submit your designs. You may submit more than one.

Thank You.

Jack Smye
Past President



**Missouri State Campers Association Spring Campvention -
Big Red Barn RV Park
13625 Elm Road
Carthage, MO 64836
(417) 358-2432**

Friday – May 1

6:00 PM - Potluck in the meeting room. Please bring your main dish and side dish to share, as well as table service. Lemonade and coffee will be provided.

Following supper, we will have card Bingo, so please bring one wrapped gift per person who will be playing.

Saturday – May 2

8-9:15 AM - Breakfast will be served by the Slow Travelers. Biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice. Cost will be \$5 per person

9:30 – 10:30AM – MSCA Board of Directors Meeting at Club House

11:30AM – Set up for Chinese Auction in Club House. Please bring your donated items (clean, working, garage sale type). Proceeds to go to the Missouri State Campers Association general operating fund.

Community Service — Donations of pantry items for the Carthage Crises Center. Please see write up on page 6 for additional information.

Lunch on your own

2:00 PM - Demonstration / training on MSCA website and NEW subscription calendar. After the presentation individual assistance will be available.

5:30 PM – 7:00 Dinner will be spaghetti with both red and white sauce available, bread, and tossed salad. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Cost will be \$5 per person.

7:00 - 7:30 Jack will be going over the rule of threes, and be giving a small lecture on RVs , CO-LP and smoke detectors and talk about portable electric heaters. There will be a drawing for a free gift.

7:30 - Chinese Auction Drawing

Sunday — May 3

Breakfast on your own

9:00 – 9:30AM — Devotional program at the Club House. Light snack will be provided. Safe travels

The Bottom Line

1. Friday Night – Bring main and side dishes to share for supper
2. Friday Night – Bring a wrapped item for Card Bingo
3. Saturday Morning – Slow Travelers will provide breakfast
4. Saturday Morning – Board of Directors meeting
5. Saturday Noon – Bring item(s) for the Chinese auction
6. Saturday Noon – Drop off Community Service Items to the collection box in the Club House
7. Saturday afternoon — Web site and subscription calendar demo
8. Saturday Night – Bring dessert OR side dishes to share for supper.
9. Saturday Night — RV Safety information
10. Saturday Night – Finish up the evening with the Chinese auction drawings.
11. Sunday Morning — Devotion in club house. Light snack will be provided.

Notice of Proposed By-law changes To be voted on at the May 2, 2020 Board meeting

Suggested change 1: Remove Article IX, Section 3

ARTICLE IX. Election of Officers

Section 3. No more than two (2) officers shall be elected from any one chapter.

Reason for suggested change: This has not been followed closely in the past 5 years. With only three active chapters there have been times when a single chapter has had 3 officers. If we keep this as a rule than we need to make sure to enforce this as a rule.

Suggested change 2: Remove "No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office."

ARTICLE IX. Election of Officers

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by plurality vote for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected and qualify. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Reason for suggested change: Officers have been serving more than two consecutive terms. This change would bring the by-laws

into agreement with our current practices.

Suggested change 3: Reduce number for quorum to eight (8) at any BOD meetings.

ARTICLE VIII. Board of Directors

Section 5. Any ten (10) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any Board of Directors meeting which has been duly announced thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Reason for suggested change: With declining number of chapters it becomes more difficult to have a quorum. Essentially all officers would need to be in attendance (6) State Director (1), chapter delegates (3) to comprise the required quorum. Very few non-affiliates remaining.

Suggested change 4: Change "Regional Director" to "State Director".

ARTICLE XIII. Amendments

Section 1 No part of these bylaws shall be revised or amended without the approval of two-thirds vote of the quorum of the Board of Directors, provided that notification of the intent to amend or revise is included in the call for such a meeting, and also provided that a quorum is present at such meeting and submitted for approval to the Regional Director before action is taken.

Reason for suggested change:

This would bring our by-laws in line with FCRV Field Manual. Page 33 of the manual lists, as one of the duties of State or Provincial Director, "Approve or disapprove amendments to Chapter or State/Provincial Constitutions and Bylaws before final approval by the Chapter/Associations."

Please let your delegate know your feelings about this proposed change as it will be discussed and voted on at the next Board meeting.

NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!
Missouri State Campers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, May 2, 2020

The meeting of the Delegates of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room at Big Red Barn RV Park in Carthage MO.

General business of the organization will be conducted at this meeting. Please plan to attend. All members are invited to give input but only officers, chapter delegates and two non-affiliate delegates may make motions and vote.

Paul Standiford
 MSCA President



Membership Application

Missouri State Campers Association

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 2020. A part of this amount is for a subscription to the Missouri Camper.

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