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## Message from the President



Greetings from the hot and humid western side of Missouri. I truly hope that none of you have been a

victim of, or in any way have had your lives disrupted by all the St. Louis area flooding that I have been hearing about on the nightly news. The 2022 National Campvention in Colorado is now viewed thru the rear-view mirror. I am confident that those folks that chose to make the trip enjoyed themselves and feel that the time and expense involved was worth it.

Now it's time to look forward to more enjoyable weather and the traveling and camping that is on the Fall calendar. Next up for most of us is the MSCA Fall Campvention. Officially occurring on September 9 – 11 at Lazy Day Campground in Danville, MO. Some of us are going in a day or two early and staying a day or two late. Neat thing to do if your schedule permits it. Hopefully, you have already made your reservation with Lazy Day. If not, call soon as they still have a few sites available. As Richard and Frances Jackson wrote in their message in the last Missouri Camper: When you make reservations let them know you are camping with Missouri State Campers Association (MSCA). **LAZY DAY CAMPGROUND REQUIRES ALL CAMPERS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE RESERVATIONS TO CALL AND VERIFY YOUR RESERVATION, PROVIDING THEM WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER.** You can call Nancy at (573) 564-2949. I took care of this a few days ago. They have made some changes to their computer system. Nancy will verify the specifics of

your contact info and reservation to make sure everything is

correct. And she does want a credit card number on file. Do this by August 15<sup>th</sup>, if possible.

Breakfast will be available on Saturday morning with members of Pitch 'n Pull manning the kitchen. After breakfast, we will have our Board meeting and then the General meeting. We will be discussing and then voting on where we want to hold the MSCA Spring and Fall Campventions for 2023. Next year, there needs to be a location more centrally located than we had this year in Carthage, MO for our Spring meeting. If there is a campground that you want to have considered, come prepared with more than a name. Check on cost, if they have 20-30 spaces available, if there is a meeting room (and cost), and whatever reservation deposit they require etc.

There will also be an election of the MSCA officers for 2023. If you are willing to run for an office, please submit your name to Pat Crow (Nominations Committee) prior to the September 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. She will be happy to take your name. Also, please consider filling one of the vacant Program Chairman positions. This is a volunteer organization and volunteer are always needed. If you are interested in filling one of those, please contact one of the MSCA officers. It's a wonderful way to help the organization without having to run for an office.

There should be a complete program for all the activities at Campvention elsewhere in this newsletter, as the Jackson's wrote in their message in the last issue of the Missouri Camper. And once again, I'll remind you to stay safe, stay cool, and safe travels wherever you go.

*Dave and Linda Gish*



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<http://mofcrv.org> or  
<http://fcrvmsca.shutterfly.com>



## In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that I report that Mike Buss has been called home. Mike and wife, Sue, have been part of Gateway Campers since October 2018. During that time, he regaled us with stories, helped us win awards at our annual Halloween campout, assisted whenever and wherever needed, and became friend and family to all. His passing was unexpected, particularly to those of Gateway Campers that had camped with him the weekend before. He will be missed around the campfire.

<https://www.kutisfuneralhomes.com/buss-michael-bernard/>

On Tuesday, July 26th, 2022, Michael Bernard Buss (68), was summoned home. Michael was born April 20, 1954 in St. Louis, Missouri to loving parents, the late Paul and Lucille (Tringl) Buss. Michael is survived by his wife Susan, his children, his grandchildren, his brothers, and his sisters. He was a loving son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, an uncle, a friend, and shipmate to many.

Michael retired from the US Navy and then the US Postal service. He dedicated his life to serving others and instilled pride in every aspect of his character. He loved his family and enjoyed every precious moment. He enjoyed the outdoors and made sure to share that enjoyment with anyone willing to join him. He was a teacher, a mentor, and most of all someone to depend upon whenever called.

Fair winds and following seas, may he forever feel upon his cheek, the salty sea breeze. His spirit will live on in many a heart, his words captured, and never shall depart. May all his loved ones have the comfort in knowing, to heaven is where he is going. For all they have to do is look above and they will be reminded of his love.



You have stood the watch while some of us slept. You have stood the watch while some of us were born. You have stood the watch so we could feel safe each and every night. Today we are here to say, Dad, the watch stands relieved, we now have the watch.

Services are scheduled to begin at 11:30 am on Friday, August 12th, 2022 at Kutis Funeral home, 5255 Lemay Ferry rd. St. Louis, Mo with procession to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. A celebration of his life will occur immediately following at a location to be announced by the family.

Mike & Susan Buss



## 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, August 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. Requests for Christmas ads will be sent in early November to allow plenty of time for receipt of your ad and payment. Each chapter is asked to contribute articles but anyone is welcome to contribute. Don't think you have to be a great reporter - just send the

information and it will be reformatted for you.

## Next Newsletter Deadline December 1, 2022

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## Missouri CAMP Director



Looking forward to seeing everyone at our fall state campout. I am going to be doing a chair exercise session. Be sure to check the campout schedule when it comes out, for the time. We will do this inside, so if it is hot outside, we will be cool. Please, bear in mind that I am in no way an exercise instructor. These

exercises are easy but are a good way to get us moving and have some fun. I think everyone who wants to, will be able to do them. The session will be 20-30 minutes. Participants will qualify for C.A.M.P. Dollars. For those who participated in our last C.A.M.P. walk and other activities, I have your C.A.M.P. dollars and hope you will be there to receive them.

See everyone in September.

*Pat Crow*

Missouri State C,A.M.P. Director



## NOTICE !!!!!!!

### Missouri State Campers Association Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, September 10, 2022

The meeting of the Delegates of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville MO. Delegates, to prepare for this meeting, please read minutes and treasurer's report in Summer 2022 issue of Missouri Camper.

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

*David Gish*

MSCA President

## NOTICE !!!!!!!

### Missouri State Campers Association Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, September 10, 2022

The Annual Membership Meeting of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 following the Board of Director Meeting at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville MO.

Primary purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for 2023 and select locations for our Spring and Fall MSCA campventions. Please come prepared with campground information.

*David Gish*

MSCA President

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for MSCA FALL CAMPVENTION**

**September 9 – 11, 2022      Lazy Day Campground**

Physical Address: 214 Highway J, Danville, MO 63361

If your electronic device doesn't recognize the above address try State Highway J or Montgomery City, or try coordinates 38.895604-91.559624

Phone: (573) 564-2949

LazyDayCampground.com

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS: MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH LAZY DAY CAMPGROUND AT DANVILLE, MISSOURI NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>. CALL (573) 564-2949 AND ASK TO CAMP WITH MSCA.  
ATTENTION: THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE CAMPING RESERVATIONS AND HAVE NOT YET DONE SO; LAZY DAY IS ASKING THAT YOU CALL THEM AND VERIFY YOUR RESERVATION BEFORE AUGUST 15. THEY NEED YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER TO HOLD A CAMPSITE FOR YOU.
- 2022 FCRV International Retire King and Queen, Steve and Diane Hitchens, will be joining us for our campout.
- MSCA Activities will take place in the Large Club Room on the grounds of Lazy Day Campground.
- Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa are available each morning in the Large Club House.
- Community Service Food Drive: MSCA Chaplin, Beth Standiford, will take cash or check donations for the food pantry at First Baptist Church of Montgomery, MO.
- Friday Evening Game: Bring a wrapped gift for Card Bingo.
- Saturday Craft: Bring a jar and \$5.00.
- See the program for items to bring to group meals.
- Consider taking in attractions while in the area. See suggestions below.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

6:00 p. m. – Potluck Dinner. Bring one or two dishes to share and your own table service. Coffee and lemonade provided.

7:00 p.m. – Guest Speaker, Steve and Diane Hitchens, 2022 FCRV International Retire King and Queen.

7:15 p.m. – Safety Talk, ‘Camping Adventures: Food for Thought’, presented by DASAT Director, Mike Croxton.

7:30 P.M. – Card Bingo – bring a wrapped gift to play.

Friday through Sunday – Puzzles available to work, set up in the Large Club Rm.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

8:00 – 9:15 a.m. – Breakfast served by Pitch “n” Pull. Menu: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, and coffee. Bring your own table service. Donations will be collected, and proceeds will go to the MSCA Conservation Fund.

9:30 – 10:30 a. m. – MSCA Board of Directors Meeting.

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. – General Meeting – Including election of officers, and locations for 2023 MSCA Meetings to be decided.

11:00 a. m. – Start giving donations for the Food Drive to Beth Standiford.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon Activities:

- 1:00 – 1:30 p. m. – C.A.M.P. Chair Exercise Session led by Pat Crow.

- 2:00 p.m. – Fall Leaf Candleholder Craft, led by Beth Standiford. Bring a clean, empty jar and \$5 for other needed supplies.

- Visit Area Attractions. See the Area Attractions list for ideas.

6:00 p. m. – Dinner of Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken Sandwiches, coffee, and lemonade provided. Bring a side or dessert to share and your own table service.

7:00 p.m. – Anthony Orazio, Park Specialist from Graham Cave State Park in Missouri will present “Invasive Species, Conservation Efforts, and Volunteering”.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00 a. m. – Christian Devotional Program, ‘Follow the Leader’, presented by MSCA Chaplin, Beth Standiford. Breakfast casserole, and juice and coffee provided.

Safe travels and happy camping till we meet again!

### **AREA ATTRACTIONS**

#### **Graham Cave State Park**

217 Hwy TT, Danville, MO 63361, Trails marked with interpretive exhibits detailing the cultural and natural significance of the area.

\* 4 miles Northwest

#### **Williamsburg, MO:**

##### **Crane’s Museum and Shops and Restaurant**

10665 Old US Highway 40, Williamsburg, MO 63388

(573) 254-3356, Open Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Local history museum featuring items from the early 1900’s Callaway County area. Marlene’s Restaurant is also at that location.

\*10 miles East

#### **Hermann, Mo:**

##### **Deutschheim State Historic Site**

109 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St #1045, Hermann, Mo 65041, open daily 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

State site preserving historic houses and other structures such as a barn and winery, built and used by German immigrants in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.

##### **Historic Herman Museum**

312 Schiller St. Hermann, MO 65041, open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Sat

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sun. 12 – 4 p.m. Located in an 1871 German school building and home to a collection of treasures from Herman’s past.

##### **Hermann Farm Museum**

526 East First St., Herman, MO 65041, open Friday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Learn the story of the 1847 Greek Revival home and the Charles Teubner family that farmed Hermann Farm during the time of the Civil war and the establishment of the region’s wine industry. To book tours go to [hermannfarm.org](http://hermannfarm.org).

##### **Downtown Hermann**

See [visitherman.com](http://visitherman.com) for information on unique restaurants and shops and more

\*20 miles East to downtown Hermann

#### **Fulton, MO:**

##### **America’s National Winston Churchill Museum**

501 Westminster Ave, Fulton, MO 65251

(573) 592-5369, Open 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily

Commemorates the life, times, and career of Sir Winston Churchill. Located on the site of his 1946 Iron Curtin Speech.

##### **Auto World Museum**

200 Peacock Dr., Fulton, MO 65251, (573) 642-2080, Open Friday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. A 18,000 square foot facility that displays vintage and classic cars in historical context. You will see how we worked,

lived, and played, over the past 100 years as all automobiles are displayed in visual context of the original time they existed.

\* 27 miles West to downtown Fulton

### **Medical Emergency**

Ambulance, Call 911

(To help with a speedy response, know your Campsite Number or the name of the building you are in/near.)

Hermann Area District Hospital

509 W 18<sup>th</sup> St., Hermann, MO 65041

(573) 486-2191

Emergency Room open 24 hours a day

\*23 miles East

Calloway Community Hospital

10 S Hospital Dr., Fulton, MO 65251

(573) 642-3376

Emergency Room open 24 hours a day

\*32 miles West and South

\* All mileage is from the Lazy Day Campground.

See letter from Lazy Day Campground on [Page 8](#) and also [Page 9](#) of this newsletter.

### **MSCA First Vice President**



Hello Happy Campers

Camping season is well underway, hope everyone is enjoying this hot and dry weather. The fall Campvention coming up soon, make sure you have your

reservation made for Lazy Days in Danville. Kathy and I haven't been out much since the Big Red Barn. Both of us came down with COVID in June, I also had my AFib fixed. So were looking to start getting

out again. Whittington Woods will be our first outing.

I know it's still middle of summer but would be a good time to start scheduling your end of season maintenance needs. It's always hard to get into the shop.

Kathy and I, as always, are looking forward to seeing you all around the camp fire.

Happy travels.

*Jerry Tannahill*



### **D.A.S.A.T**

Friday, September 9, 2022, 7:15 p.m.

Safety Talk, 'Camping Adventures: Food for Thought', presented by DASAT Director, Mike Croxton.



# Lazy Day Campground

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Hello Francis!

It was a pleasure talking with you and we look forward to MSCA 2022!

**Club Name:** MSCA

**Arrival:** September 8, 2022

**Departure:** September 11, 2021

**Number of sites blocked off:**

**Booking Date:** Your club members must call and book by August 15, 2022. We will secure their reservation with a credit card. Two to three weeks prior to arrival, I'll send you an email with the listing of the campers who have booked with me. Anyone making a reservation after that time is not guaranteed a site.

**Price per camper per night:** \$39.60 per night includes 2 adults, one camper, and one vehicle.

**Additional Adult per night:** \$3 each

**Additional Vehicles:** \$2 each

**Clubroom:** \$20 per night payable upon arrival from the wagon master or treasurer. It is your responsibility to collect from your members. You will then have access to our club room which offers a fully functional kitchen, tables with seating to accommodate up to 60 people with a charcoal grill and some seating under a large attached pavilion outside.

**Sites:** Level Big Rig friendly gravel base, shaded and open sites, up to 50 amp service, FHU and pull through.

Picnic tables and fire rings are at each site.

**Amenities:** There is a three acre, fully stocked catch and release lake, (no licensing required), a large swimming pool (seasonal), half acre fully fenced in dog park, small gift store with necessities, large laundry room, handicap accessible bathroom and showers, free Wifi, firewood and propane sales. Do not bring firewood into our park!!

**Location:** Interstate 70, Exit 170 for Danville, South 1.5 miles on Highway J to campground entrance on left hand side.

**Damage:** Damage made by campers to their site or the facilities is their responsibility, and there may be fees incurred. Please do not use outdoor carpets on your site as they may kill the underlying grass within hours. Refrain from smoking in any buildings on the property, and do not cut or trim any trees. Please inform the office as soon as possible about any defective equipment or damage you may find on the campground so that we may repair it in a timely fashion.

**Cancellation Policy:** Campers MUST call a minimum 72 hours in advance of their arrival date to cancel their reservation. Those canceling within the 72 hours or simply don't show will be subject the daily rate up to three nights due to a rentable site being held.

**Payment:** We accept cash, check and all credit cards. **There is a 3.5% surcharge on all credit card transactions.**

We look forward to having y'all stay with us! Safe travels!

Nancy & Dan





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Hello MSCA Friends!

In years past, Lazy Day Campground has taken reservations in an honor system with not only MSCA, but many other chapters and groups from around the midwest region. Recently, we have seen a higher number of cancellations with entire groups cancelling within a week prior to arrival or individuals the day of arrival. As much as we would like to say this is semi retirement or a hobby, it's not. This is our livelihood and our business.

With that being said, like every campground, we do require a credit card number to secure each individual's reservation. We have blocked off every available site for MSCA in September. We have many pencilled reservations from those who requested their site last year, but they now MUST call by Monday, August 15th with a card number to secure their site. Those calling after the 15th risk losing the opportunity to join for the MSCA weekend. Should there be any confusion, concerns or questions, you may contact me directly.

We look forward to seeing y'all again next month!

Nancy  
573-564-2949

## MSCA Sunshine

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

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Truesdale MO 63380  
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~ **Get Well ~ Sympathy ~**  
~ **Thinking of You ~**



Greetings to all, it has been a long run as president of the Slow Travelers, but the time has come to pass the torch.

We will hold elections for both President and Secretary of Slow Travelers. If you are interested in running for

either position please contact me. We also will need to pick camping locations and dates for next year.

As a reminder, the Slow Travelers will be going to Perryville on Sunday after the MSCA Fall Campvention to see the surrounding area and to visit the Vietnam War Memorial. Mike Croxton is working on the details of what we will see and do

while there.

It's never too early to start thinking about next year so make plans to join us at the Retiree Rally in Dothan Alabama. Early days are March 24 - 27 and the Rally official starts on March 28 - April 2. And if you plan to attend the Retiree Rally why not join us at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores Alabama. We will arrive on April 3 and leave Gulf Shores on April 17. Gulf Shores is a little over 3 hours from Dothan.

Don't forget - **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RETIRED TO ATTEND THE RETIREE RALLY.**

Until we meet again

*Jack*

## WILDLIFE

by Beth Standiford

Summertime brings the chance to branch out with your bird food offerings. Here's how to go beyond sunflower seeds and suet, to nectar, oranges, jelly, mealworms, and more.

Sure, winter is a prime time for feeding birds—natural foods are less abundant and cold weather makes window side birding that much more inviting. But birds flock to feeders in summer, too—especially in midsummer, after they've fledged a brood from their nest, and they've got new mouths to feed. Summer bird feeding can bring you different species, such as Neotropical migrants that aren't around in winter. It's also a fun time to try offering some different kinds of foods. Here are some tips for creating a summertime backyard buffet that might bring a few new faces to your feeders.

### Safety Tips For Feeding Birds Seed In The Summer

- Keep your seed dry. Hot, humid summer weather creates the potential for mold. "Some molds produce the byproduct aflatoxin, which is fatal to birds," Greig says. She suggests filling feeders

halfway in summer and refilling frequently, instead of packing feeders full, so the seed sits for long periods. If you find mold on your seed, get rid of it.

- Move feeders occasionally. Concentrations of seed hulls and bird droppings under a feeder can lead to outbreaks of salmonellosis, a bacterial sickness that can affect birds (and people). Move feeders around the yard and don't allow waste to build up in one area.
- Put suet in the shade. Some packaged suet comes in no-melt varieties, but even these can spoil or become soft and foul a bird's feathers in high heat. Keep suet in cool places. Or, switch to a hummingbird feeder in summer.
- Clean your feeders regularly. Washing feeders roughly every two weeks will keep your feeders both attractive and healthy for your guests. To clean your feeder, take it apart and use a dishwasher on a hot setting or hand wash either with soap and boiling water or with a dilute bleach solution (no more than 1 part bleach to 9 parts water). Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry before refilling.



## Feed My Sheep

Dear Campers,

Recently, one of my Facebook friends posted regarding her morning devotion and it really struck a chord with me.

She wrote, "*Endure to the End! Are you close to quitting? Please don't do it. Remember, a finisher is not one with no wounds or weariness. Quite the contrary, He is scarred and bloody. "God didn't call us to be successful, just faithful" (Mother Teresa). The fighter, like our Master, is pierced and full of pain. But He remains. The Land of Promise is for those who simply remain to the end*"

What an amazing thought. I've often heard the Bible quote from Revelation 2:10b, "be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." To paraphrase "God doesn't promise us smooth sailing, but he does promise you a safe arrival" (Greg Laurie).

And the musician in me feels the need to say, it takes both notes and rests to make beautiful music. Don't rush it, take the full beat of rests required.

There are more than 2 dozen verses in the Bible dealing with perseverance in one form or another.

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Matthew 10:22b "but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

Romans 2:7 "To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life."

Hebrews 10:36 "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

2 Thessalonians 3:13 "And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."

Were there quitters in the Bible? Of course! #1 on the list is probably Judas. Not only did he quit Jesus

even after 3 years of discipleship, but he also quit on himself.

That's not to say that we shouldn't rest when needed. At one point Elijah was saying, "God, I'm so angry with you! I want to die!" Elijah wanted to quit. So, God said, "Here's some food. Eat. You need to rest. Take a nap." So, Elijah did and afterwards, decided things weren't so bad. A brief break from time to time might be the exact thing that is needed to continue with your journey, but don't let it keep you from going back to fighting the good fight.

We press on toward our goal – Philippians 3:14 – seeking progress, not perfection.

What is your goal, today? If I can help encourage you in any way, please let me know.

Till then, I continue to Feed My Sheep.

Blessings,

*Beth*

Overnight Baked Beans - aka Taste of Home  
Brenda's Baked Beans

## Ingredients

1 pound dried navy beans  
1-1/2 cups water  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup chopped sweet onion  
1/2 cup apple juice  
6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled  
1/4 cup maple syrup  
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt

## Directions

1. Rinse and sort beans; soak according to package directions.
2. Drain and rinse beans, discarding liquid. Transfer beans to a 3-qt. slow cooker. Stir in water, brown sugar, onion, apple juice, bacon, maple syrup, mustard and cinnamon. Cook, covered, on low 10-12 hours or until beans are tender. Stir in salt.

## Nutrition Facts

3/4 cup: 416 calories, 4g fat (1g saturated fat), 8mg cholesterol, 551mg sodium, 77g carbohydrate (31g sugars, 12g fiber), 20g protein.



It has been a busy summer for Gateway Campers.

We camped at Pere Marquette State Park June 17-19. I had a typical late arrival, as there was a storm that went through our service area and I had to

work late. The group kept in touch throughout my drive to camp, and were waiting for me when I arrived. They had put rope lights on each side of my site pad to guide my efforts backing in, and I had no less than 5 co-pilots directing my progress. I do thank my group for this welcome – the rope lights definitely made it easier! While I have perfected my night-time set-up skills, I'd just as soon be able to set up during daylight hours.

Time that weekend was spent at antique malls, local restaurants and wineries, wood shops, and enjoying the Mississippi River in Grafton, IL. There was also



some working on storm recovery, some hiking, and a good number of dogs in attendance. As evening approached, we played yard games, table games, and had a great bonfire. And, we did have group desserts.

In July, we camped at Whittington Woods during the extreme Midwest heat wave. Days were 100F. Nights cooled to a balmy 90F. This did not stop any of the fun! Whittington Woods is full of trees that provided welcome shade. Added bonus – I arrived during the daylight hours, and was able to fully see my campsite when setting up!

We had campers take a bike ride on the Rend Lake bike trail, visit the farmers market in Benton, and go to local antique shops. Lunch was found at a food truck at the Pheasant Hollow Winery, where we enjoyed tasting the varieties of wine offered. We were at the winery for the hottest part of the afternoon, in the cool, enjoying wine and the company of good friends. I believe most of us brought some wine home for future enjoyment. It was still a bit warm for a potluck dinner, so we once again shared desserts. We strive to live up to our unofficial motto: eating our way through the weekend.

As evening approached, we had a great bonfire. Granted, we sat approximately 20 feet back from

the fire, and Walter was kind enough to set up several fans to keep us cool. It was a great time of storytelling and laughter. Time spent camping this weekend truly reinforced this group is where strangers become friends, and friends become family. We look forward to our time together every month.

While picking up information at the visitor center at Rend Lake, we found out that all 4 COE campgrounds at Rend Lake now offer full hookups. The ranger said this had been the most requested feature for their campgrounds, and they spent the last few years adding such sites. These campgrounds are on the bike trail, with easy access to the lake and its beaches, and the marina. The ranger let me know that Rend Lake has the best fishing ever. We will definitely consider these COE campgrounds for the next time we camp at Rend Lake.

Our next campout will be at Osage Beach, September 23-25. I am hopeful that I will again have a daylight arrival, as I did at Whittington Woods. We're already doing searches for the best antiques, wineries, and local attractions. And we're looking for new recipes for that group dessert tradition!

*Don Hopkins*  
Gateway Campers President

**AREA I WESTERN COUNCIL  
HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT**

Lathrop Antique Show Park, Highway 33, Lathrop, MO 64465  
October 14-16, 2022

Preregistration.....	\$ 5.00
Camping Fee.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$55.00

Make Check Payable to: Western Council  
Mail to: Sheila McMillen  
9231 N.W. 316 Street, Gower, MO 64454-8412

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

***Hobo Parking    All Electric Sites    Water and Dump Station Available***

***Please Preregister by October 7, 2022***





**Area 1 Western Council Halloween Campout  
Lathrop Antique Show Park, Hwy 33, Lathrop, MO 64465  
October 14-16, 2022**

Hobo Parking ~ Electric Sites ~ Water Available ~ Waste Dump Station Available

**Most Activities in Main Building**

**Friday Night:**

- 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Meal. Bring food to share.  
Bring your table service and drink.
- 7:30 p.m. Card Bingo. Bring wrapped white elephant prize or two.

**Saturday:**

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee ready. Bring your coffee cup and visit.
- CAMP Walking, Bicycling; log miles on record sheet.
- 12:00 Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 p.m. Family Games. Bring Games to play.
- 3:00 p.m. Youth and Adult Costume/Trick or Treat Parade.  
Bring treats to hand out.
- 5:30 p.m. Meal. Smoked Turkey provided; Bring dish to share.  
Bring your table service and drink.

**Come camp with us for a fun 2022 camping finale!**

**Enjoy good food and fellowship!**



## Missouri State Director



As the poet,  
Robert Burns said,  
“The best laid  
schemes o’ Mice  
an’ Men Gang  
aft agley.” \*\*

In the last  
newsletter I stated  
that it didn’t look

like our camping plans would be slowing down. After a three week stay at Lost Valley Lake, a week at Pere Marquette with Gateway Campers, and four days at Table Rock Lake with Pitch ‘n’ Pull our “best laid schemes” went astray. Just before Independence Day, Beth developed severe vertigo and we had to cancel out plans to go to Campvention in Pueblo. After three weeks of doctor visits and trips to physical therapy, we were able to travel to Indiana to see family. I’m so grateful she is on the mend. We’ve got a couple of weeks at home before we resume travel.

MSCA election of officers will be held at the Fall Campvention in Danville MO. If you are interested in running for one of the offices, please contact our nominating committee, Pat Crow, and let her know you are interested in running for one of the offices. All offices are up for reelection every year. The time required is minimal but is very rewarding. And without volunteers the organization will cease to exist. There will be nominations from the floor but it is always better to have the names prior to the meeting so that ballots can be printed up if needed.

In addition, there are Program Chairmen positions open for the following programs: Legislation, Historian, Conservation, and Wildlife. As I stated last month the time required would be minimal and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me or President Dave Gish if you would like more information.

There are also positions available on the national level. They include: Membership Director,

Commercial Director, Youth Director, Communications & Security Director, Conservation Director, Historian, Veterans Program Director, Travelog Director, and Volunteer Background Records Custodian. Additional information can be found in the June issue of Camping Today. If you are interested in any of these positions please let me know and I can put you into contact with the correct person.

In addition, I am still seeking someone who would serve as Assistant State Director. Responsibilities would be minimal other than to learn what the State Director does and a willingness to fill the position in the event that I am no longer able to fill the position. No, I am not planning on quitting, but life happens sometimes whether we like it or not.

Our Regional Director, Debbie Ludwig, has mentioned several times about the need for our Region to hold a Regional Rally. We have not had one in quite some time. Once again, volunteers would be needed. Please let me know if you would be willing to volunteer for ANY position - large or small. I’ve never planned a regional rally and it would take some real effort from multiple people to pull this off. Quite honestly, I really don’t want to chair the planning for a regional. I would assist in anyway possible but right now I have my hands full. With that said.... Is there anyone out there that would be willing to plan a regional rally???? Please let me know. We attended about 5 years ago in Branson. It was well attended due to the location and was quite enjoyable. Please give it some thought and give me your questions and feedback at our State Campvention. Remember, many hands make light work.

*Paul Standiford*  
Missouri State Director

\*\* [“To a Mouse”](#) by Robert Burns  
The best laid schemes of mice and men go astray.

## Complete Camping Schedule 2022 - 2023

August 19 - 21, 2022 - Gateway Campers - [Osage Beach RV Park](#) - Osage Beach MO  
September 9 - 11, 2022 - MSCA Fall Campvention - [Lazy Day Campground](#) - Danville MO  
September 11 - 15, 2022 - Slow Travelers - [Timber Run Campground](#) - Perryville MO  
September 23 - 25, 2022 - Gateway Campers - [Double J Campground](#) - Chatham IL  
September 26 - 30, 2022 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Winterset City Park](#) - Winterset IA  
October 10 - 14, 2022 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Majestic Oaks Campground](#) - Eldon MO  
October 14 - 16, 2022 - Gateway Campers - [Big Creek RV Park](#) - Annapolis MO  
October 14 - 16, 2022 - Area 1 Wester Council - [Lathrop Antique Show Park](#) - Lathrop MO  
October 21 - 23, 2022 - Gateway Campers - [370 Lakeside Park](#) - Saint Peters MO  
March 24 - 27, 2023 - Retiree Rally Early Days - [National Peanut Festival Campground](#) - Dothan AL  
March 28 - April 2, 2023 - Retiree Rally - [National Peanut Festival Campground](#) - Dothan AL  
April 3 - 17, 2023 - Slow Travelers - [Gulf State Park](#) - Gulf Shores AL  
April 14 - 16, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Indian Creak COE @ Mark Twain Lake](#) - Monroe City MO  
May 5 - 7, 2023 - MSCA Spring Campvention - Location to be determined  
May 19 - 21, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Big Creek RV Park](#) - Annapolis MO  
June 16 - 18, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Binder Park](#) - Jefferson City MO  
July 21 - 23, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Coon Creek COE](#) - Shelbyville IL  
August 18 - 20, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Double J RV Park](#) - Chatham IL  
September 8 - 10, 2023 - MSCA Fall Campvention - Location to be determined

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 - Email: [slow.travelers@mofcrv.org](mailto:slow.travelers@mofcrv.org)

Gateway Campers - Email: [gateway.campers@mofcrv.org](mailto:gateway.campers@mofcrv.org)

Pitch N Pull - Email: [pitch.n.pull@mofcrv.org](mailto:pitch.n.pull@mofcrv.org)

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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 2022. A part of this amount is for a subscription to the Missouri Camper.

#### FORWARD TO MSCA TREASURER

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

Where  
Strangers  
Become  
Friends  
and  
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Family

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