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Message from the President



We again offer greetings from the western side of Missouri. We hope your Memorial Day

weekend was safe, relaxing, spent with those you love, and thoughtful towards the real reason for the holiday.

It's been noted that those folks that spent the time and money to attend the Retiree Rally that was held in Dothan, AL back in March felt that it was basically a good investment. Again, it's been said that a lot of campers feel that attending a Retiree Rally is as much, if not more, fun than attending a National Campvention. The Retiree Rally for 2024 will be held in Mineola Texas. Check the schedule on page 11 for exact dates. Since March and the Retiree Rally, MSCA's own Spring Campvention was held at the Great Escape RV Park and Campground in Higginsville, MO on May 5-7, 2023. Most everyone attending came in a day early and the time spent together was fun and relaxing. We had no issues with the campground and the meeting room we used was fine for our needs. Since it was an all-weekend thing, Linda and I wondered if the wind always blew as hard as it did while we were there. Where we were setup, using an awning was out of the question, and the door of the trailer was constantly being blown either open or shut as the wind changed direction. Richard and Frances Jackson did another wonderful job of having the meeting room prepped and ready for all of our activities. They both spend a lot of time and effort that we never see in getting things organized and in place for the activities that we do together. Whoever is elected to follow them as 2nd Vice-President will encounter big expectations. You still have time to decide if

you're contemplating attending the FCRV's 63rd International Campvention. This year it is being held in Richmond, IN at the Wayne County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. Dates are July 9 – 14, 2023. Early bird dates are July 7th and 8th. Here is a link to Campvention information, taken from the May issue of Camping Today: <https://fcrv.org/campvention-2023/>. Additional information and registration forms can be found in the back of recent issues of Camping Today. It was mentioned while we were at Spring Campvention that apparently the 2024 International Campvention will be back east somewhere in New York. And in 2025 it will be our turn with the Campvention being held somewhere here in the Midwest, with the exact location to be determined.

As we get thru Summer and move towards Fall, it will again be time for us to gather for MSCA's Fall Campvention. It was also voted on and approved to travel again to the Lazy Day Campground (573-564-2949) in Danville, MO. We also voted to move Campvention back into September a couple of weekends so as to avoid conflict with an RV show in St Louis where they want to set up an FCRV info booth. We will now be going to Danville officially on September 22-24, 2023. A bunch of us will again be going in a day early, or staying a day late. Call Nancy at the campground if you want to verify a reservation, modify one, or make a new one. We'll be talking about Campvention locations for 2024 and we'll also be conducting the election of MSCA officers for 2024. All offices will need new people, so please consider serving in some capacity when you are contacted by someone on the nominating committee. We really hope to see you there. And please remember to stay cool, stay dry, and safe travels wherever you might go.

Dave and Linda Gish



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<http://mofcrv.org>



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 August 1, 2023

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Missouri CAMP Director



Not a big turnout for the C.A.M.P. activity at the MSCA campout in Higginsville, Mo. However those that attended had a good time. We did some hand strengthening exercises and then

“chicken legs” led the group in 15 minutes of easy walk/dance exercises. Thanks to Jerry and Kathy, Sandy, and Frances for being there. Pat Crow (chicken legs) State C.A.M.P. Director

Pat (Chicken Legs) Crow
Missouri State C.A.M.P. Director





The Slow Travelers have had a good time camping the first few months of 2023. At the Retiree Rally in March in Dothan, Alabama, we had a good showing for Missouri with 8 rigs(14 people). We enjoyed seeing old friends and

participating in all the rally activities.

After the rally we traveled down to Gulf Shores and Gulf State Park. This is a favorite for us. Sight seeing included, a ferry ride to Dauphine Island and the aquarium there, we rode bikes several mornings and were able to spot alligators along our route. One day we had snacks and a ladder golf tournament. Campfires were almost nightly with lots of laughter and stories. And the food, oh the food. We have our favorite restaurants that we like to visit, some more than once. Ask any of us about gator bites and swamp soup. We experienced several storms while there but we made it through.

Higginsville and MSCA campout was next. Enjoyed seeing some folks we hadn't seen in a while.



Appreciate that the Jackson's had some new activities such as the campers show and tell. We were able to see ideas from other campers that have made camping easier or more fun for them. There were lots of super and clever ideas.

After the MSCA weekend the Slow Travelers traveled to Topeka Kansas. Deer Creek Valley campground was beautiful. Topeka had a lot to offer. We enjoyed touring the Combat Air museum with its many planes and displays. Next day we went to Ward Meade Old Prairie Town and Botanical Garden. Interesting old buildings and lovely gardens. We saved the best for last and went to the Evel Knievel Museum. He was quite the showman and the displays and reels of his jumps were interesting and painful to see. Don Hopkins and Steve Hitchens took part in a virtual jump. Thank goodness they had no broken bones. LOL! And again, the food, BBQ, Mexican, BBQ and more BBQ. We also had a potluck and a dessert night. So come and join the Slow Travelers for lots of fun and food. Next campout after the fall MSCA will be the Amana Colonies in Iowa. Would love to see you there.

Pat Crow

Slow Travelers President





MSCA Sunshine

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

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~ Get Well ~ Sympathy ~
~ Thinking of You ~





Due to various health concerns among members, Pitch-N-Pull has only had one camp out thus far this year, with only two members able to attend, but they had a nice week in the Sunrise Beach area. They stayed at the Great American

Campground and Dive Bar in Gravois Mill, MO. This is a very new campground but they said it was nice as were the owners. There are full hook ups at all sites and they are making improvements by adding a restaurant this year. Perhaps P-N-P can plan another campout in the future. During their stay, members shopped at the Mennonite and Amish shops in the area, enjoyed a picnic at one of the markets and found fresh pies and sweet rolls in Barbie's Bakery. They also rode bikes at the Lake of the Ozarks State Park, had lunch at Pappo's Pizzeria and enjoyed the Bagnell Dam Historical Museum at Willmore lodge. They spent

the better part of one day fishing, enjoying the beautiful weather at Gravois Mills Public Access area and had lunch at Vinny's Café. In the evening they checked out the campground's Dive Bar. Alas, it was time to pack up and head out for their next adventure. Until we see each other again at Majestic Oaks Park, safe travels to all. Happy Camping!!!!
Linda Gish



In Memoriam Betty L Knaust (nee Gregory)



Saturday, June 18, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Robert A. Knaust; loving mother of Lori (the late Thomas) Merlo and the late Jeffery and Mark Knaust; adoring grandmother of Teresa (Michael) Johnson, Mark (Christie) Raup, Gregory Raup and Donna Merlo; cherished Granby of

James, Charla, Olivia, Anthony, Alex and Tommy; dear sister of Patsy (the late Orville) Hecht and the

late Judy (Don) Sikes and Charles Gregory. Our dearest sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and friend to many. Memorial visitation at Kutis Affton Chapel 10151 Gravois Rd. 63123 on Thursday, June 23 from 12 noon until Memorial Service time at 1:00 pm. Inurnment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated.

(Editor's Note: Most of us did not know Betty. She and her late husband, Robert, were long time members of MSCA. Robert passed away in 2012. Betty always contributed to MSCA through the annual Christmas ads.)

Feed My Sheep

By Beth Standiford (MSCA Chaplain)



Not So Different

Recently, while traveling with friends, I realized that we are really not so different from those who lived in Biblical times. I know we all eat, drink, play, work, love, grieve the same as people did in those times. But I felt so very far removed from them. Then a really simple incident brought to light that no, we

are not so different. We were sightseeing at a popular location when one of our friends let out a small sound of distress. She couldn't find her phone. Checking her pockets two and even three times. Digging through what was really a very small purse a couple of times she simply couldn't find it. Where had she been last? Did she leave it at the last store? Finally, someone offered to call her. We all heard her ringtone, and she dug a little deeper into her purse, and there it was. Her relief and happiness spread through the group. It reminded me of the Parable of the Lost Coin in Luke 15:8-9 ".....suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'" In this way, God shows me that when I stray from the fold as I sometimes do, He is searching for me. And when I return, He and all of Heaven,

rejoice together. Even now, so many centuries after He walked the earth and told this parable, He searches for the lost and will rejoice when found.I once was lost, and now I'm found..... Are you lost? Do you need finding? Call His name. He'll answer your call and we'll all rejoice.

Chilled Mango-Raspberry Soup from It's Yummy
Hot weather is upon us, so let's try something different, a chilled soup.

Prep time: 5 minutes Servings: 2 Calories: 198

- 1.5 cups fresh or frozen mango peeled and cut into cubes (1 large mango)
 - ½ cup (about 8) fresh or frozen seedless raspberries
 - 1 cup Greek vanilla non-fat yogurt or plain flavored Greek yogurt
 - 1 cup unsweetened vanilla almond milk
1. Place fruit into the bowl of a high-speed blender or food processor. If using frozen fruit, pulse on high speed several times to break up any large chunks.
 2. Add yogurt and almond milk and blend on high speed until ingredients are fully combined and creamy.
 3. If a thinner consistency is desired, add more almond milk, a tablespoon full at a time. If a thicker consistency is desired, add more fruit.
 4. Pour into serving bowls and garnish with a dollop of yogurt and slices of fresh fruit.

SCW Regional Director



Hello Missouri State Campers

By now, you're out with your chapters and are in full swing camping and renewing friendships. That's the best part about this organization meeting new friends and enjoying each other. I know I have.

The next big national Campout is Campvention, being held in Richmond, IN. Starting on July 9th through the 14th. Check with the national website www.FCRV.org for further

details. There's also a lot of information on that website about the National organization and other campouts .

If you have someone that might be interested and joining FCRV, please ask them to join one of many campouts. I joined back in 1986, and have really enjoyed meeting people from all over the US and Canada.

I look forward to seeing you at the next campout.

Safe Travels,

Debbie Ludwig
SCW Regional Director

2nd Vice President



We are looking forward to the Fall MSCA Campout held Friday, September 22, 2023, through Sunday, September 24, 2023. Reservations

can be made with Lazy Day Campground, in Danville, Missouri, by calling (573) 564-2949 or going to their website at lazydaycampground.com. Reservations must be made with the campground no later than August 21st to get the group rate of \$40.50 per night for full hookups, plus a one-time \$5.00 reservation fee. When making reservations let them know you are camping with MSCA.

Those of you that attended the 2022 Fall MSCA Campout may remember the program given by Anthony Orazio, Park Specialist from Graham Cave

State Park. This year we plan to continue our focus on conservation by doing a service project under the direction of Anthony, at Graham Cave State Park. Camp sites need sprucing up. There will be a variety of tasks available to choose from such as tightening or replacing clips that hold reservation cards to the camp site posts, replacing or straightening camp site posts, filling in eroded areas at the campsites with gravel, and painting picnic tables. If you are willing to join in on this service project, bring work clothes. All tools and supplies will be provided by the park. This project will be done Saturday morning to take advantage of the cooler weather. Therefore, the Directors Meeting and General Meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, and other activities in the program will be adjusted.

We hope to see you in Danville,

Richard and Frances Jackson
MSCA 2nd Vice President

Missouri State Director



Greetings to all our FCRV Missouri Campers. I'm home for a day so trying to get my article written and the newsletter completed.

At the Spring MSCA Campvention it was noted that multiple offices will be vacant. Please, please keep in mind that this is a volunteer organization. I know that everyone in the organization joined because they like camping and not because they want to take on a position within the organization. BUT, remember the old adage of many hands make light work. Is there work involved? Yes there is but not as much as you might think. And you don't need to do it all yourself. Most members will help if you ask them to do a specific task. The offices that will be vacant are President, Secretary, 2nd Vice President. A nominating committee has been formed so if/when you are asked to run for an office please consider giving some of your time to help this organization survive. Think of all the friends you have met due to FCRV and MSCA. Would you give them up? I know I would not want to give up a single one of you as a friend. And if not for MSCA I would not know any of you. This truly is an organization where strangers

become friends and friends become family.

Along another but similar line, please give some thought to attending State, Regional and National campouts. They are a great deal of fun. You meet so many new people even at the State events. And at the National events... Wow!!! They really are a lot of fun. If you have never been to one now is your chance. If you have not pre-registered for the Campvention in Richmond Indiana, don't worry. Just show up. You can register when you get there. You will find games, entertainment, and many, many new friends just waiting to greet you.

One more thing, invite your friends to join FCRV or at least invite them to a campout. I know you all have friends that camp and most of you have camping friends that are not yet a part of FCRV. Share the fun!!!

Safe travels and God bless,

Paul Standiford
Missouri State Director

**Missouri State Campers Association
Spring Meeting
May 6, 2023**

Meeting called to order by President David Gish
Invocation given by Chaplain Beth Standiford
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all
The Secretary gave a roll call of chapters
Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed in
the newsletter and copies were available for those at
the meeting.
Motion made to approve minutes was made by Edie
Hensley and seconded by Pat Crow.
Voting unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Edie Hensley 36 members and
9 honorary.
Mike Croxton made motion to accept report and Pat
Crow seconded. Motion was carried.

President's Report: Please consider for Fall
Campvention in Sept we will need to find a new
secretary and a new president. Don Hopkins will be
elected as treasurer in Sept.

1st Vice President: – Mike Croxton - No report.

2nd Vice President:– Richard & Frances Jackson -
Fall MSCA in Danville; we have a scheduled
service project with Graham Cave State Park Needs
2-4 hours of your time. No member will have to
bring tools. And in return they will give us a tour of
the park. We just furnish labor. This will fit in with
our Conservation and Wildlife. Timing to be
determined.

Thanks to all who assisted but Fall will be their last
as 2nd VP. Will train/support successor.

State Director Report: – Paul Standiford

Thanks to 2VP for planning and organizing. You
will be missed in this position. Thanks to Gateway
for a great breakfast. \$65 raised.

National Campvention in 2023 in Richmond, IN
July 7-9 early days. Campvention starts 07-10. Just
show up and they will have room.

Former member, Betty Knaust passed in Feb 2022
and we are just now learning of her passing.

RV Show – 1st weekend after labor day at the
Family Arena in St. Charles. Looking for volunteers
to man our booth. I'll send out info on hours as

soon as we get them. We would assist with the west
side of the state if they want to participate in a RV
Show.

2025 Campvention is scheduled to be in our region.
More on that later.

Kidney Fund – SCW has a kidney fund. I am
serving on the board. Reg Dir will cover better.

Regional Campout at Treasure Lake June 18-21.
Registration was in the last Missouri Camper. If
interested in going, fill it out and send to me with
\$20 registration. Door Prizes (4 VIP tickets to the
Presley Show plus others).

Any one interested in serving as Conservation
Director, see me.

Regional Director: – Deb Ludwig

FCRV is made of all volunteers and some volunteers
(like Don & Edie) have been the backbone. Held
about every job in chapter & state. Lots of work,
but gratifying.

Campvention – Richmond, IN. Just go. 30 amp and
water. Early days is a good time to go sightseeing
prior to campvention.

National Campvention 2025. I have not heard
anything officially. Have actually e-mailed Gerry
Pfirsch, President of FCRV and Ed Shaneyfelt,
Campvention Coordinator but there has been no
reply. I am not going to worry about it as there has
been no reply. I should have major items locked
down by now.

Regional Camp Out: The door prizes are amazing.
Hot dog supper on the first night, Continental
breakfast last morning and a lot of time open.
Hoping to have a campfire one night. If you are a
member of Treasure Lake you can come at the last
minute but if you are not, you must be registered
prior. And departure is a hard date. Treasure Lake
will allow us to use all their amenities.

Kidney Fund was developed many years ago and
Kansas, Missouri region put together an FCRV
member (including Kansas at this time) and is ill
with some kind of kidney failure, they need to get a
request in to the State Director and a Dr they are
eligible to receive funds from this.
It has been suggested that it might cover other
ailments, so we are looking into it. We want to put it
into CD's and other institutions for growth.

DASAT

Jack Thomas gave a presentation on propane safety and included a few things on ladders. Mike Croxton said if you have any safety considerations to let them know. We were reminded that weather radios no longer work. Where do TV stations get their alerts?

CAMP

Pat Crow will have a short presentation on hand strengthening. Bring a pair of socks and a book.

CHAPLAIN

Devotion on Sunday at 9:00 am – Salem UCC is asking for cash. A representative of the food bank will attend our devotion.

SUNSHINE

No report

WEBSITE

Website is gone. The MOFCRV.org now redirects to a public Facebook group. It was easiest. 2 FB groups. One private and for current/former members of MSCA. Missouri Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) is the public one.

Old business - None

New business

Will need a nominating committee for the slate of officers. (Eddie says President appoints). Will be handled later.

Eddie we added Mel & Sharlene Miller as honorary members.

Paul Standiford sends our Missouri Camper newsletter to a lot of people that are not currently members (not mailed, e-mailed because it costs nothing).

President – don't forget your white elephant auction and the wildlife project later today.

10:30 camper show & tell - Meet at meeting room.

Mike Croxton moves to adjourn; Richard Jackson seconds – all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Standiford
(Acting Secretary)

Complete Camping Schedule 2023 - 2024

June 16 - 18, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Binder Park](#) - Jefferson City MO
June 18 - 21, 2023 - SCW Region - [Treasure Lake RV Resort](#) - Branson MO
July 7 - 8, 2023 - FCRV 63rd Campvention Early Days - [Wayne County Fairgrounds](#) - Richmond IN
July 9 - 14, 2023 - FCRV 63rd Campvention - [Wayne County Fairgrounds](#) - Richmond IN
July 21 - 23, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Camp Lakewood Campground](#) - Effingham IL
August 18 - 20, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Double J RV Park](#) - Chatham IL
September 15 - 17, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Onondaga State Park](#) - Leasburg MO
September 22 - 24, 2023 - MSCA Fall Campvention - [Lazy Day Campground](#) - Danville MO
September 24 - 29, 2023 - Slow Travelers - [Amana RV Park](#) - Amana Colonies IA
October 2 - 6, 2023 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Majestic Oaks Campground](#) - Eldon MO
October 6 - 8, 2023 - Gateway Campers - [Perryville RV Resort](#) - Perryville MO
October 20 -22, 2023 - Area 1 Western Council - [Lathrop Antique Show Park](#) - Lathrop MO
November 4 - 12, 2023 - Slow Travelers - [Treasure Lake Resort](#) - Branson MO
March 15 - 17, 2024 - FCRV Retiree Rally Early Days - Mineola TX
March 18 - 23, 2024 - FCRV Retiree Rally - Mineola TX

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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.

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Gateway Campers - Email: gateway.campers@mofcrv.org
Pitch N Pull - Email: pitch.n.pull@mofcrv.org
Pak N Go - Email: pak.n.go@mofcrv.org

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I hereby apply for membership (renewal)(new) in Missouri State Campers Association, Inc. And enclose my annual dues of \$10.00 for the year 2023. A part of this amount is for a subscription to Missouri Camper.

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