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Message from the President

Linda & Mike Van de Riet



I'm sure everyone agrees, this summer is flying by. Our camping trips with the Gateway Camping group have been great. We have stayed at some very nice places and our get togethers have been filled with very good food, fellowship and interesting stories. Recently, we spent a weekend in Alton at Pere Marquette State Park and visited the town of Grafton. It was a pleasurable afternoon sitting at the Loading Dock restaurant next to the river, talking about our many escapades with our campers. We all have so much in common and we are blessed that we are able to get out and see different places, God has definitely been good to all

of us.

Recently, our group decided to put together a trip for next year to go and experience the beautiful State of Wisconsin. Thanks to Larry and Betty Alvey for organizing this new excursion. I know it's going to be an exciting trip with much camaraderie. Mike and I are truly looking forward to it. And of course, we will be ready to savor the delicious food as we go both on the road and at the campground. For us, camping is a way to destress and get away from the sometimes crazy hustle and bustle of everyday life, we look forward to our trips whether they are short over the weekend trips or two week trips across the country. Traveling with our friends in a group just adds to the excitement on the road in our rolling house. We love to get up in the morning wherever we are and plan the day ahead in the special place we've chosen to visit. Now, we will experience even more with our friends in the Gateway Camping group. It will be an exciting time of discovery and togetherness.

Linda Van de Riet
MSCA President

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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 December 1, 2024

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NOTICE !!!!!!!

Missouri State Campers Association Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, September 21, 2024

The meeting of the Delegates of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville MO.

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.

Linda Van de Riet

MSCA President

NOTICE !!!!!!!

Missouri State Campers Association Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, September 21, 2024

The Annual Membership Meeting of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville MO.

Primary purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for 2025 and select locations for our Spring and Fall MSCA campventions. Please come prepared with campground information.

Linda Van de Riet

MSCA President

Western Council Announcement

Effective immediately Western Council will no longer be hosting April Fool or Halloween Campouts and the Lathrop Antique Grounds has been notified that we will no longer be camping there. The Executive Board is sad to have to make this decision, however, we had to face reality. The lack of attendance for some time and loss of funds due to their required amount guarantee per weekend, has depleted our funds.

We will continue to function with monthly meetings at restaurants or various campgrounds. Our next meeting is October 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at [Smokehouse Bar-B-Que](#), 6304 North Oak Trfwy, Gladstone, MO.



Pitch 'n' Pull camped at Blue Springs Ranch, Bourbon, MO, June 9-14, 2024. We enjoyed the beauty of the campground and area attractions. In Cuba we visited 15 large outdoor Murals and Fanning Route 66 Outpost with the world's largest rocking chair. We also located the Grave of Peter Pinnell who was a Revolutionary War Soldier. In St. James we visited the Veteran's Cemetery, the St. James Winery, and Meramec Springs Park including the fish hatchery and iron ore smelting remains. As always good friends and food were enjoyed.

Frances Jackson
Pitch 'n' Pull President



2nd Vice-President



Our upcoming Missouri State Campout is soon upon us. It is scheduled for September 20th through September 22nd this year. Once again it is being held at Lazy Day Campground in Danville Missouri off of Highway 70. Their address is 214 Highway J, Danville, Missouri 63361. Reservations are to be made directly with Lazy Day Campground at (573) 564-2949 or by going to their web site at LazyDayCampground.com. If you made your reservation by August 19th, you are guaranteed a site at the discounted price of \$41.85 per camper unit. This includes 2 adults, 1 camper, 1 vehicle per site with full hookups. There is a non-refundable \$5.00 reservation fee per camping unit. I hope you told them you are camping with the MSCA Group to get your discount.

Ok, I have to be totally honest with everyone and have a confession to make; I am a procrastinator,

which drives Jerry crazy at times. I have fallen a bit behind in getting the program done for our state campout... again. I can make excuses and tell you how busy it has been in our household lately, (which is kind of true) blah blah blah... but really, I am just kind of lazy. I guess we all get that way from time to time. But I am doing my best to get it all put together. So, if there are a few "to be announced" on the program, please forgive me. Oh, I also have a hard time making decisions, just ask Jerry, he'll tell you. Especially on what our group would like to do. So, if you have suggestions, can come up with any ideas or would like to help keep me on tract, I am all ears.

Once again, I need to thank Beth Standiford as she (rescued me) suggested a neat craft project for Saturday. It is Seasonal Fall Luminaries and should be a lot of fun to make. We also have a C.A.M.P. ½ mile or 1 mile walk scheduled after lunch. At around 2pm make sure you don't miss the dog obedience and training techniques demonstration by Modern K-9 Solutions. Their business is located at 1000 Warrenton Shoppes, 1, Warrenton Missouri. As always, Jerry and I are really looking forward to seeing all of our camping friends. We hope you all are doing well and will see you all soon in Danville.

Kathy and Jerry Tannehill

MSCA 2nd Vice President



2024 MSCA FALL CAMPOUT

September 20-22, 2024

Lazy Day Campground 214 Highway J, Danville, MO. 63361

(572) 564-2949 [HTTP://lazydaycampground.com](http://lazydaycampground.com)

Take Interstate 70 to Danville Exit 170. Then south on Hwy J for 1.5 miles to the campground on left.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Activities: All will take place in the Large Club Room unless otherwise stated.
- Meals: Coffee and water will be provided. Bring your own cups, plates, utensils and napkins.
- Side dishes to share: Including regular or gluten free options.
- Friday evening game: Bring 75 cents in nickels per person playing. LCR Dice Game.
- Community Service: Cash/check donations First Baptist Church of Montgomery food pantry.
- C.A.M.P. Walking exercise around the camp grounds.

ACTIVITIES

Friday September 20th

6:00pm Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Coffee and water will be provided.

- Beth Standiford will be collecting monetary donations for the First Baptist Church food bank.

7:00pm LCR Dice Game - Bring 75 cents in nickels per person playing.

Saturday September 21st

8:00 to 9:00am Breakfast – Served by Gateway Campers. Menu to be announced.

9:30am MSCA Board of Directors Meeting

10:00am General Meeting for all Members

11:00am Craft Time Social - Join Beth and I as we will be making a Fall Luminaries Craft.

Lunch on your own - See the backside of the program for local attractions to visit.

1:00pm C.A.M.P. - Join us at the Club Room to walk a mile or so to get a little exercise.

2:00pm Modern K-9 Solutions - Dog Training Demonstration

6:00pm Dinner - Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, water and coffee provided by MSCA. Bring a side or desert to share, and your own cup and table service. Cost \$5.00 per person.

7:00pm Evening activities to be announced

Sunday September 22nd

9:00am Devotional Program – Presented by MSCA Chaplin Beth Standiford. Please bring your own cup as coffee and water will be provided.

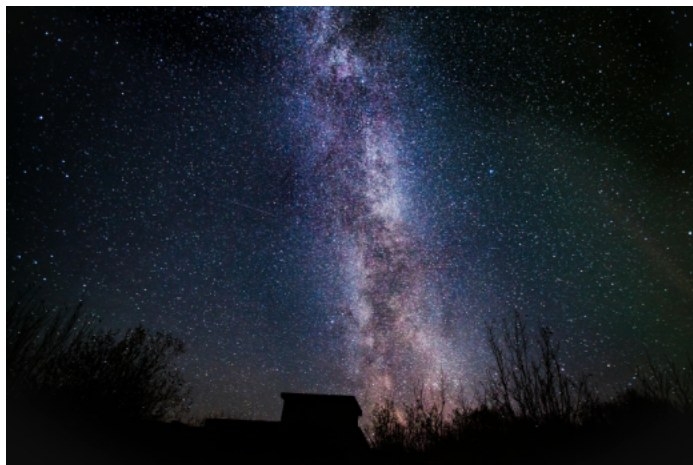
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Dark Sky

By Frances Jackson

Have you been looking up in the evenings while camping? A moon free night is a great time to catch the splendor above. State parks, conservation areas, national parks and national forests provide access to thousands of acres of public land in our state, many of which have been designated as dark sky locations. The Danville Conservation Area, near our Fall MSCA Campvention location, is listed as a dark sky location. Information on additional locations can be found at <https://www.visitmo.com> in the article: “Stargazing in Missouri: A Heavenly Show”. In Missouri, the first Dark Sky Missouri Festival will take place at Ozark National Scenic Riverway Park in Big Spring, MO this October 25-26. More information regarding the festival can be found at <https://darkstymissouri.org>. I encourage you to turn off unneeded lights and look up to enjoy the splendor above.

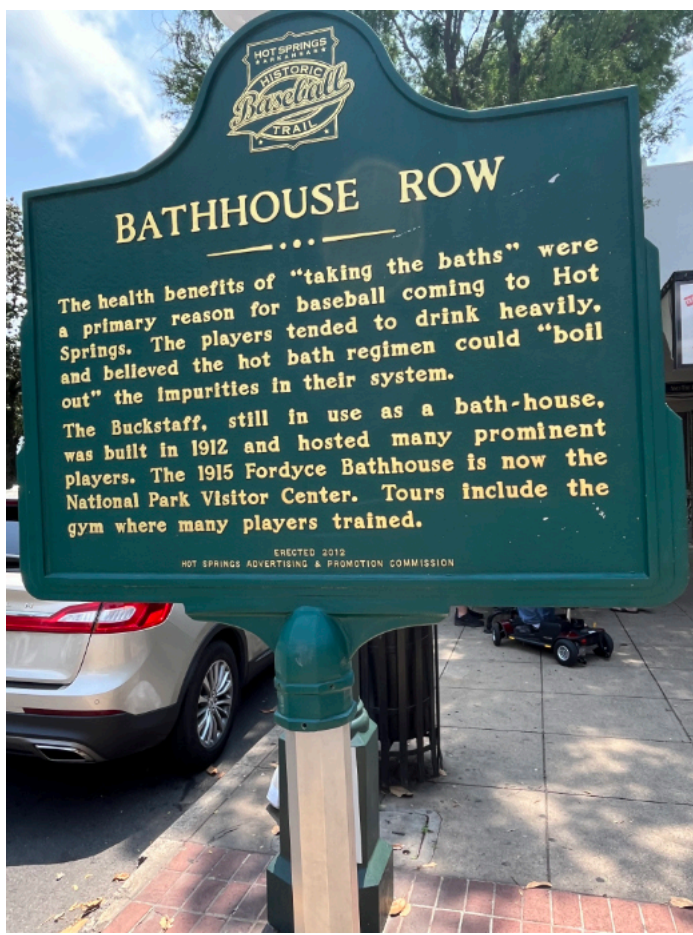
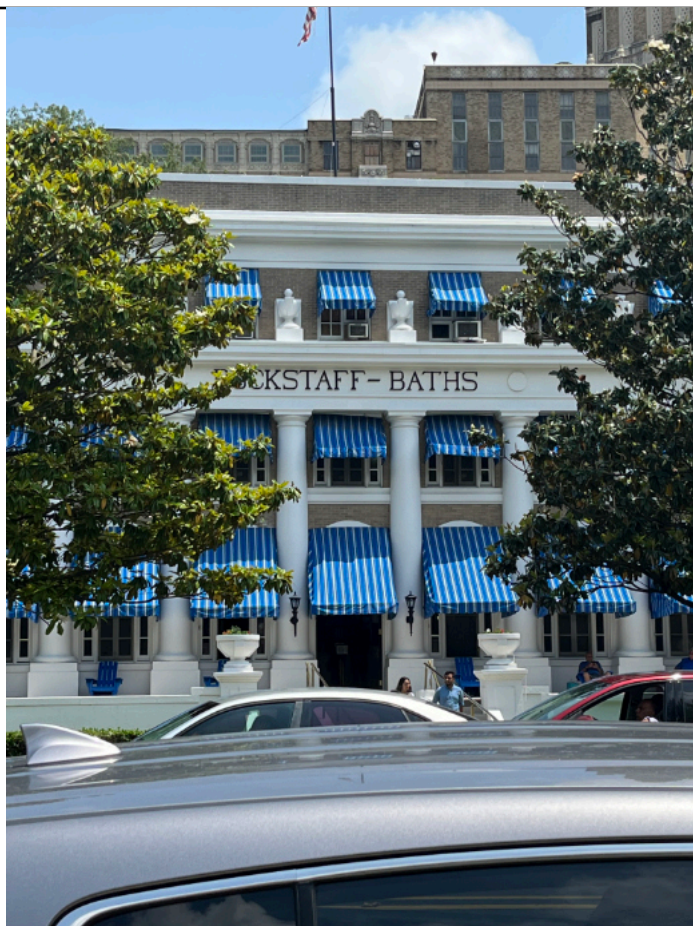




Well, I have to play catch up because I missed the last publication. The Slow Travelers attended the spring MSCA campout and had a great time. Everyone liked the Coachlight RV Park and it was good to visit with friends we hadn't seen in a while. Then for our group it was on to Hot Springs, Arkansas and Lake Quachita. The campground was wonderful, but getting there is quite an experience. A narrow and curvy and hilly road makes for quite an adventure. But we made it and settled in for 5 days of fun.

There is a lot to do in this area so we had a full schedule. We went to the Gangster Museum and learned of the early days of Hot Springs, famous gangsters, bootlegging and other questionable activities. Then a tour of Bathhouse Row. Very interesting to see these buildings and tour the inside. One day we took a leisurely boat tour of Lake Quachita. Very peaceful and beautiful. The Mountain Tower gave us panoramic views of Hot Springs and the Quachita Mountains, thank goodness there was an elevator to the top. Food is always a good way to judge an area and we were not disappointed. Good pizza at The Grateful Head pizza place (thank you Tannehill's for finding this cool place) and Mr. Whisker's Catfish restaurant was good. This was in addition to our potlucks and snacks around the campfires. Then one last harrowing ride down the mountain road to leave this campout and on to the next. It was a great time.

Pat Crow
President - Slow Traveler





Missouri CAMP Director



Thanks to the Croxtons, the Tannehill's, Lexi, Charlie and Abbey for taking part in our 1 mile walk At Coachlight RV Park. I think we will do it again at the fall MSCA at Lazy Day. See you then.

Pat Crow
Missouri State C,A.M.P. Director

Feed My Sheep

Travel Light

By Beth Standiford (MSCA Chaplain)



What is your view of Heaven? I think everyone has a different idea of what Heaven will be for them. For some, it's all fluffy clouds and flying around playing our harps all the time. For others, it's sitting on the veranda of your huge Southern mansion. Or maybe you're a kid in a candy store and you never gain weight no matter how much you consume. Are you young and healthy again?

Are your favorite pets there, all healthy and hopping around happy to see you? Are you greeted with amazing hugs by those who went before you? Do you recognize everyone? Are you looking for a man and a woman without belly-buttons so you can meet Adam and Eve? Or are you just enthralled to hear His voice call you by name? I think we can all agree that Heaven cannot be described in human/earthly terms.

Perhaps Heaven will be like a 5000 piece puzzle. God sees the finished version on top of the box and can see how the entire picture will be when all the little pieces are put into place. Each piece of the puzzle are the actions we take and the words we say towards others. Maybe the one little piece you just put into place may seem small and insignificant, but in actuality, it is the one piece without which the picture would not be complete. You know how when you get to the last few pieces of the puzzle all you seem to see are the holes left to fill. Maybe those are souls yet to be reached, just waiting for the word from a friend or stranger.

St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:58 "My dear brothers & sisters, be strong and immovable always working enthusiastically for the Lord for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." Think about that: Nothing you do for the Lord is useless. Absolutely everything you do for the Lord. Pray in a restaurant before your meal, offer a shoulder of comfort to a stranger who seems to be struggling, an extra donation, a happy meal for that homeless person, a toy in the Toys for Tots box at Christmas, a prayer silently offered that no one but you and God know about. Whatever you do, do for the Lord. I'm praying for you all.

Shoofly Pie

Dough for a single pie crust

$\frac{3}{4}$ Cup hot water

1 tsp baking soda

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup mild-flavored molasses (avoid black strap)

1 cup all-purpose flour

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp nutmeg

2 tbsp cold butter

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla

Whipped cream if desired.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. On a floured surface, roll dough to fit a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. Trim and flute the edge.

Combine hot water and one tsp baking soda in bowl. Stir in molasses and set aside.

Combine flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg in another bowl. Cut in two TBSP butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ cup crumbs.

Add molasses mixture, egg and vanilla to remaining crumb mixture. Beat well. Pour mixture into prepared crust; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 10 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake another 30-35 minutes or until filling is set. Serve warm with whipped cream if desired. Serves 8.



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~ **Get Well ~ Sympathy ~**
~ **Thinking of You ~**



Complete Camping Schedule - 2024 & 2025

September 13 - 15, 2024 - Gateway Campers - [Johnson Shut-ins State Park](#) - Middle Brook, MO

September 20 - 22, 2024 - MSCA Fall Campvention - [Lazy Day Campground](#) - Danville MO

September 22 - 27, 2024 - Slow Travelers - [Winterset City Park Campground](#) - Winterset IA

October 9 - 13, 2024 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Pomme de Terre State Park](#) - Pittsburg MO

October 18 - 20, 2024 - Gateway Campers - [Shelbyville \(Coon Creek\)](#) - Shelbyville IL

October 19, 2024 - Western Council Meeting - [Smokehouse BBQ](#) - Gladstone MO

March 21 - 23, 2025 - Retiree Rally Early Days - [National Peanut Festival Fairground](#) - Dothan AL

March 24 - 30, 2025 - Retiree Rally Early Days - [National Peanut Festival Fairground](#) - Dothan AL

March 30 - April 12, 2025 - Slow Travelers - [Gulf State Park](#) - Gulf Shores AL

May 12 - 16, 2025 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Knob Noster State Park](#) - Knob Noster MO

June 19 - 23, 2025 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Crowder State Park](#) - Trenton MO

October 8 - 12, 2025 - Pitch 'n' Pull - [Cook RV Motor Park](#) - Springfield MO

REMINDER: Please send any additions or changes to missouricampernewslettereditor@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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

MSCA officer emails are on page 2 of this newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS - PLEASE READ THIS

To all the members who joined last year at the get acquainted meeting - this is what FCRV, MSCA and the local chapters are all about. There are 12 opportunities for camping with wonderful people listed above. Make the most of these opportunities. If you want more information about any of these campouts please email the Chapter president listed above. Or, if you wish you can email me at missouricampernewslettereditor@gmail.com and I'll be happy to help you out. Watch for more 2025 campouts showing up in the next newsletter.

Membership Application

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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 2024. A part of this amount is for a subscription to the Missouri Camper.

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