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## Message from the President

Linda & Mike Van de Riet



Good afternoon and I hope you are having a great weekend and a memorable Memorial Day.

When I run into a military person or a police officer or firefighter, I always shake their hand and thank them for their service. They are our real heroes, these people have a special dedication and love for their country, community and neighborhood. We are lucky that God puts that calling in their hearts or our country would have been taken over by our enemies long ago. Please remember our service members in your prayers.

So far, this camping season has been very nice and we've been able to get some quality time in with our friends in the Gateway group. The trip to Pere Marquette Campground a few weekends ago was a

lot of fun, some of the Club members rode their bikes to Grafton and others of us drove our trucks. We had a very good lunch at the Loading Dock Restaurant in Grafton, the weather was beautiful and the conversation was lively and informative. Many of us have stories to tell about our endless escapades with campers and trucks. We have all definitely had some good travels with the campers and then some crazy times with breakdowns, flat tires, water leaks, etc. We have some new camping members that have joined our group this year and they are adding their share of experiences as well.

Saturday evening everyone in the Gateway group gathered at one of the camp sites, we shared a great dinner together as well as dessert and afterwards, we all moved our camping chairs in closer together to tell our stories and enjoy each other's company. These are great times to be cherished with long-time friends and new friends in the Gateway Camping Club.

Mike and I will be looking forward to our next Gateway camping trip at Meramec State Park, see you there!

*Linda Van de Riet*  
MSCA President



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Scan the QR code below to go to the MSCA web site or click on either link below. The old web site has been discontinued so this will take you to the public Facebook Group.

<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, 2024

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## 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 ~



## Western Council 2024 Campouts

**Lathrop Antique Grounds - 2488 SE Highway 33 - Lathrop, MO 64465**

Reserve these Dates for your 2024 Camping Schedule!!!!

October 18-20 – Halloween Campout – Full Weekend of Fun and Fellowship,  
Including Trip to Jamesport, MO and Costumes and trick or Treating

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President



Hey, guess what! Did you guess? Jerry and I survived our first official MSCA Campout as

your 2nd Vice Presidents! I have to admit that it was a lot of work, but somehow we pulled it off with a little help from our friends... ok, a lot of help. I want to thank a few of them for their much-appreciated assistance. First off, I want to thank Beth Musselwhite for volunteering to help me with the Saturday evening Cinco De Mayo meal. She took on the task of making all of the meat for the tacos and burritos, I couldn't have done it without her. They must have been good as I saw several of our members going up for a second helping! I also want to thank Beth Standiford for everything she has done to help make this campout a success. Not only did Beth provide all of our devotional needs, collect donations for the Carthage Crisis Center and run the craft projects for our Saturday afternoon social, but she



also entertained us on Saturday evening with her beautiful singing voice and guitar playing. I think we all had a great time trying to sing along to some of our favorite tunes from the past. This was a lot of fun, even if most of us (me especially) were singing out of key. A few of us were also brave enough to come out and join our C.A.M.P. host Pat Crow for a 1-mile walk around the campgrounds. The sun came out just in time for us to enjoy our afternoon stroll, except for maybe Charlie, my dog. He wanted to tap out around the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile mark, but with a bit of encouragement he made it to the end. As most of you know our next MSCA Campout is already scheduled for September 20th, 21st and 22nd. It will once again be held at Lazy Day Campground located at 214 Highway

J in Danville Missouri. You can reach them to reserve your spot at (573) 564-2949, or by going to their website at [lazydaycampground.com](http://lazydaycampground.com). Reserve by August 19th to get the group discount rate of \$41.85 per night for full hookups, plus a one-time \$5.00 reservation fee. Make sure you tell them you are camping with the MSCA group to get your discount. I am still working on the details, which will be published in the fall version of the Missouri Camper. If you have any suggestions or want to volunteer let me know. As always, Jerry and I are looking forward to seeing you all in September and hope you all have an awesome summer. See you all soon!

*Kathy and Jerry Tannehill*

MSCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

## Crowder State Park

*By Linda Gish*

Hello everyone, I hope you are all enjoying your spring camping in spite of all the rain we have received!! David and I (and our daughter, son-in-law and grandson) camped at Crowder State Park (Trenton, MO) after attending MSCA. That is one of our favorite MO state parks of those we have camped in. We try to go to Crowder every year for the Jamesport May Days Festival. They have all kinds of booths and vendors as well as the wonderful Amish bakeries and of course their country stores. I wish I had taken some pictures at the festival to share but I DO have pictures taken by my daughter of the Northern Lights that we were able to see. We left the campground and drove a short distance to a higher elevation, complete darkness and no trees so we could see them very well. It was amazing and something I didn't think I would ever be able to do living in the Midwest! I hope some of you had an opportunity to enjoy them. Safe travels to all until we meet again.





April 22 through 26 Pitch 'N' Pull started out this camping season at Binder Park Campground in Jefferson City, Missouri. We soaked in interesting area history by touring the Cole County Historical Museum and the Governor's Mansion. We also toured Capitol Projects to learn of its invaluable benefits to the community. Time was spent indulged in great food in several area restaurants, including the historic Central Dairy Ice Cream Parlor. We were also hosted by retired members of Pitch 'n' Pull for a meal and an enjoyable afternoon. At the campsite we enjoyed warm campfires, a boisterous singalong, playing card games, yummy food, and wonderful camaraderie.

Pitch and Pull members shared in fellowship as they prepared and served breakfast of Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, and Juice for members of MSCA. The breakfast was at the Spring Campvention; at Coachlight RV Park, in Carthage, Missouri; on the morning of the fourth of May. Thanks to MSCA for providing the coffee, and Kathy and Jerry Tannehill for having it set up for us to use. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to a worthy cause yet to be determined.

*Frances Jackson*  
Pitch 'n' Pull President





## Your Donations

By Beth Standiford (MSCA Chaplain)

I want to thank everyone who made a donation to the Carthage Crisis Center at the May 2024 State Campout in Carthage. Our total donation came to a whopping \$385. One individual donated \$200, and

one chapter donated \$50. The other \$135 came from individual donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you & God Bless You.



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May 14, 2024

Paul & Beth Standifords  
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Dear Paul & Beth,

Thank you so much for sending the gift of \$185 from the Family Campers & RVer's. Your willingness to organize this fund drive is such a blessing! Your giving allows us to celebrate success milestones that our residents reach.

In the month of May across the country, people are celebrating graduations. We celebrate when someone successfully completes their stay with us.

- We celebrate when someone who is lost in addiction finds new life again.
- We celebrate when someone who loses everything in a fire finds the necessary resources to start again.
- We celebrate when a mom with 3 kids gets away from an abuser and finds peace and safety and then a new place to stay.
- We celebrate when someone gets a job that allows them to find suitable housing and reliable transportation.

But we celebrate (with the angels in heaven) when someone becomes a member of the family of God.

Thank you for your continued love and concern expressed in your giving. And thanks too for being a part of our celebration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim E. Benton'.

Jim E. Benton  
Executive Director

*Thanks again, Paul & Beth!  
Happy travels!*

## Feed My Sheep Travel Light

By Beth Standiford (MSCA Chaplain)



One of the things we really like about camping is the travel and the different places and things we get to see. We seem to fill the camper when we go. Having watched others at different campsites as they prepare to go home or go further on, we are not alone in that action. I have yet to see a camper with empty space in the storage compartments or the interior cabinets. I'm as guilty as the

rest. "What if I need....." seems to be the phrase I hear most often. Travel light? Who are you kidding?

But when Jesus sent out his disciples, he gave them explicit instructions to "travel light". No bags, no sandals, not even an extra tunic. He even gave instructions on the other kind of "baggage" people

travel with their response to the message the disciples were bringing. If they were not welcome, they were to shake the dust of their feet and move on. Do not be weighed down with the "baggage" of resentment or defeat.

All of us encounter successes and failures on our journey. How we deal traveling those hills and valleys may be determined by whether we are carrying unnecessary weight or not, and I'm not talking about that spare tire around our middles. God is with us, leading us, guiding us, loving us, providing for us -- all with His unlimited resources. What do we need? Do we need strength, peace, love, joy, or hope? He has it all. He is longing to pour out His favor and blessing upon us. We need to be open to Him and to trust Him. We need, by faith, to receive what He has for us. It is essential that we realize how much He loves us and that He has a good purpose and plan for us.

So the takeaway today is basically this: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:19 So, travel light.

## Peanut Clusters

16 oz peanuts or pecans  
1/2 package white almond bark  
8-10 oz semi-sweet (bark is preferred)

Heat 3/4 of the chocolates to 110 degrees  
Cool chocolates to 95-100 degrees  
Add remaining chocolates stirring constantly.  
Can be made in a crockpot without lid on low couple hours. Just pay attention to the temperatures.  
Spoon onto wax or parchment paper





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## Expert safety tips for RV & camping season

- **Practice campfire safety** – According to the National Park Service, nearly 85% of wildland fires in the U.S. are caused by humans, and one of the most common human-causes is unattended campfires. If you plan on having a campfire, make sure to build your campfire in a pit or bare patch of dirt and keep it low and away from brush. Always tend to your fire and ensure it's completely extinguished before leaving your campsite or going to bed. Be prepared for an emergency by packing a compact, lightweight fire extinguishing device such as the [First Alert EZ Fire Spray](#).
- **Prepare for weather** – Always research the weather of where you're camping, RVing or hiking before getting there – but keep in mind that weather is unpredictable and inclement weather can arrive quickly and unexpectedly. When you first arrive at a campground or park, it's a good idea to get oriented with your surroundings right away. Make sure you can locate nearby shelters in case you need to wait out a bad storm and keep a portable radio on hand to watch for weather updates.
- **Get alarmed** – The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that nearly 2,000 RV fires occur annually. If you plan on spending any time in an RV or van this year, make sure you have a working smoke alarm installed and test it regularly.



## Complete Camping Schedule - 2024 & 2025

June 21 - 22, 2024 - 75<sup>th</sup> FCRV Campvention Early Days - [Herkimer County Fairgrounds](#) - Frankfort NY

June 23 - 29 2024 - 75<sup>th</sup> FCRV Campvention - [Herkimer County Fairgrounds](#) - Frankfort NY

July 19 - 21, 2024 - Gateway Campers - [Carlyle Lake Coles Creek](#) - Carlyle Lake IL

August 16 - 18, 2024 - Gateway Campers - [Double J Campground](#) - Chatham IL

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 18 - 20, 2024 - Western Council - [Lathrop Antique Grounds](#) - Lathrop 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

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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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### Missouri State Campers Association

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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.

#### FORWARD TO MSCA TREASURER

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