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*Merry Christmas*



*Happy New Year*

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<http://mofcrv.org>



# In Memoriam

## Donald Wayne Hensley

March 23, 1937 – September 19, 2024



Donald Wayne Hensley “Don”, was born on March 23, 1937 and passed away peacefully on September 19, 2024. He was a loving husband, father, papa, brother, and friend.

Don graduated from Mount Ayr High School in 1956 and proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1959 to 1961.

On July 10, 1960, he married the love of his life Edith Lenore Olney “Edie”, beginning a beautiful partnership that spanned over six decades. Together they built a life rooted in family, faith, and community.

After his military duty, Don and Edie moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Don began a successful career in the automotive and trucking industries. He worked at Norclay Automotive and Central Power/Detroit Diesel before joining Farmland Industries, where he initially worked in the parts department and later transitioned to a role in trucking. He eventually launched his own trucking business and cherished the opportunity to run alongside his son Jeff.

A devoted family man, Don was immensely proud of his family, especially his granddaughter Jenee Hensley, affectionally referred to as “Mickey Mouse”.

His love for antique tractors led him to a fulfilling hobby of tractor pulling, where he enjoyed many years of friendly competition and camaraderie. Don’s passion for RVing brought him joy and adventure as he and Edie traveled and explored with

their loved ones, making cherished memories along the way.

Don was deeply involved in community service. He dedicated numerous years to the Missouri State Campers Association, serving in various roles and contributing to the community he loved. He was an active member of McMurry United Methodist Church, where his commitment to service and fellowship was felt by all who knew him. His life was a testament to hard work, dedication, and love for family and community.

Don is survived by his beloved wife, Edith, son Jeffrey Allen (Renee) and granddaughter Jenee Jolain Hensley. He is also survived by his brother Raymond (Judy), in-laws Marilyn (Olney) Monday (James) and Leroy Olney, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne & Ruby Hensley, his brother Gary, and his in-laws Helen Olney Miller and Clark, Thelma Olney Kite, Roger Olney, Charlotte Olney Trammell, and Georgia Olney.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at Armstrong Funeral Home in Mount Ayr, Iowa. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. Burial, with military honors, will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Don’s honor to McMurry United Methodist Church, 25 Eugene Field Road, Kansas City, MO 64119.

Don’s Obituary: <https://www.armstrongfh.com/obituaries/Donald-Hensley?obId=33140723>

Don’s Tribute Video: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/WPLZCP8GXFCC4GXD>



## ***Crisis Food Closet of Montgomery County***

179 Harvey Road  
Montgomery City, MO 63361  
573-564-2735

October 8, 2024

Beth Standiford  
7 Oakrail Drive  
St. Peters MO 63376

Dear Beth,

On behalf of the Crisis Food Closet of Montgomery County, I want to thank the "Missouri State Campers Association" for your continued support of our mission in feeding those in need throughout our county.

We are now helping the Church of the Nazarene provide an extra bag of products to go along with their "Senior Box" ministry. This ministry is for low- income seniors who need an extra hand in securing food. Our supplement bag has food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items. They are so thankful and appreciative of this service that we are able to supply.

We are blessed by the warm welcome of the congregation of the Church of the Nazarene for the use of their facilities.

May God continue to bless each and everyone.

Sincerely,



Sharon Wehrman, Secretary  
Crisis Food Closet of Montgomery County

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." Matthew 25:35



Five families traveled to Pomme de Terre State Park the weekend of October 10, 2024 and was hosted by Richard & Frances Jackson and Dave & Linda Gish. We had the best weather and enjoyed a LOT of wonderful food thanks to our hosts. Lots of great things to see in the area, such as, the dam, some interesting campsites near the dam, & beautiful scenery everywhere we looked. At the campout, Jim & Marilee Thorne were awarded a certificate in recognition of their 10 years as members. Of course, we checked out a few restaurants, one of which was in a bowling alley and some of us did indeed bowl. Well, at least we got the balls down to the end of the alley and had lots of fun. Exploring several flea markets and second hand shops provided for the dredging up of old memories and the making of a few new ones. The business portion of the campout yielded the information that all current officers would be interested in retaining their positions. Voting to take place at the December meeting to be held at the Silver Dollar Restaurant in Eldon, MO, at noon on the third. A discussion came up regarding (very) old photos and it was determined that our Historian, Linda Gish, will bring them to the Knob Noster campout (May 12-16, 2025) for one last look before disposing of them. The 2025 schedule was set and is as follows:

May 2-4 MSCA Spring at Coachlight

May 12-16 at Knob Noster hosted by Thoenens & Jacksons

June 19-23 at Crowder hosted by Gishs and Ploegers

July 18-19 Campvention Early Days and July 20-26 for Campvention in Lebanon, TN

Sept 19-21 MSCA Fall at Lazy Days

Oct 8-12 at Cook RV Park hosted by Jacksons and Standifords.

Anyone interested in joining us is encouraged to do so; just let us know you're coming!

*Beth Standiford*  
Pitch 'n' Pull Secretary





Slow Travelers attended the Fall MSCA Campout at Lazy Day Campground in Danville, MO. It was a time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. There we nominated, and MSCA members voted in favor of, Paul and Beth Standiford representing Missouri as our state's King and Queen. We hope many of you will be able to attend the FCRV Retiree Rally in Dothan Alabama this coming March, to support Paul and Beth in their run for FCRV International Retiree King and Queen. We look forward to having fun campaigning for them.

After Fall MSCA Campout our chapter traveled to Winterset, Iowa, camping at Winterset City Campground and City Park. Some activities enjoyed in the park were the nature trail, biking and walking areas, Clark Tower and the Cutler-Donahue Covered Bridge. During our stay many of the other Madison County Covered Bridges were visited to take in their architecture and history. A visit to the John Wayne Birthplace and Museum gave us the opportunity to see many interesting aspects of Wayne's life as an actor as well as his private life. One day was spent attending a long time MSCA member's, Don Hensley, funeral and remembering all that he and his wife, Edie have done to serve MSCA. On another day many took in the Madison County Historical Complex which consists of 25 picturesque acres including the restored and furnished 1856 Bevington Mansion, historic structures, Native American, Civil War, Military, domestic and early farm artifacts, machinery, tools and more. Food and fellowship were enjoyed as we took in several restaurants including the Montrose Pharmacy, Pizza Ranch and Mi Pueblito, as well as when we lit up the campfire where we had a good time making Campfire Eclairs.

We were fortunate to have visitors camping with us for the week. Pam Weber and her husband Mike came down from Des Moines area. Pam is the niece of Beth Standiford. We certainly hope they will be able to camp with again in the future.

The Slow Travelers had a great campout at Hidden Valley Outfitters in mid-October. We were pleased to welcome new members, Loren and Connie Follmer to our ranks.

We had a great view of the comet, Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS. It was difficult to see with the naked eye but we were able to take some great photos.

*Frances Jackson*  
Secretary - Slow Traveler

A small group of eight Slow Travelers gathered in Branson for Veterans Week activities. We did have 2 days of continuous rain but after we dried out the weather was beautiful. We enjoyed the veterans village with its many vendors and giveaways and making new friends. The military film festival featured interesting and informative films each morning. We did lots of shopping and eating. We especially enjoyed our pot luck fish fry. Thanks to Don and Sandy Toliver for supplying the wonderful trout that they caught during the year. It was delicious. It was a good last campout for most of us. Time to winterize and think of camping for next year. See you in 2025.

*Pat Crow*



## 2nd Vice-President



It is that sad time of the year as most of us have winterized our campers for the season once again. It also marks a year that Jerry and I have taken over as your 2nd VP for MSCA. I feel like we are starting to get the hang of it a bit.... maybe. I will be working on the Spring 2025 Campout Activities Agenda over the next few months. So, if anyone has some ideas, activities to include or suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer to run any activities, craft time, or help with anything, PLEASE contact me. I know Jerry will greatly appreciate it so I won't drive him crazy like last time trying to figure this all out.

Our spring 2025 MSCA Campout will be held at Coachlight RV Park once again in Carthage MO on

May 2nd to the 4th. If you are planning to attend, please contact Coachlight RV Park at 417-358-3666. Have them add your name to the 2025 MSCA Rally Sheet to reserve your spot. The cost for your site will remain the same as last year, \$37.50 per day. They do work on an HONOR system, which means that they do not collect any money up front. The site fee is collected upon your arrival at the park. BUT, they do ask that if for any reason that you must cancel, to please call them to have your name removed from the list to free up that spot. This will also help us to keep an accurate RV/head count of members attending for our needs.

As for our 2024 MSCA Fall Campout, it will be held on September 19th thru the 21st. This will once again be at Lazy Day Campground in Danville Missouri. They are accepting reservations now, so call 573-564-2949 and reserve your spot. Don't forget to let them know that you are a MSCA Member to get a discount.

As always, will be excited to see you all when the 2025 Camping Season gets started. We pray that you all are doing well and enjoy your time with family this Holiday Season!

*Kathy & Jerry Tannehaill*  
MSCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents

## Thank You

Paul & I want to thank you for the honor bestowed on us at the Fall MSCA Campvention, Sept . 20-22 by voting us as the Missouri Retiree King & Queen. We are grateful for the trust you have shown us and the financial backing provided by Slow Travelers and MSCA. We will make every effort to get the biggest ROI on those funds.

Our application has been received and we are making plans for the swag, or give-aways, to help influence votes our way at the Retiree Rally in Dothan, Alabama, March 22-28. We hope you will help us by attending the Rally and distribute our "goodies" or lend a hand for our Hospitality.

If chosen, we hope to represent our great state everywhere we camp, and encourage others to camp in our state because, after all, Missouri Loves Company!



## Feed My Sheep Jesus or Santa?

By Beth Standiford (MSCA Chaplain)



The idea of Santa Claus is centuries old. Mired in Christmas traditions dating back to 280 AD when a monk named Nicholas became the topic of many legends. He gave away his considerable wealth to the sick and poor. He made the cut of saints through the Reformation because people just didn't want to give him up. Low visibility for a while, (but never really gone) the culture in the 1700 & 1800's started ascribing to the image of pack on his back and stockings being filled. Around 1820, sections of the newspaper (remember newspapers?) used the image in advertisements. And Clement Moore's "Night Before Christmas" poem really helped boost his image. And then around 1890, Salvation Army started sending men around in the now familiar garb to solicit donations to provide meals to those who might otherwise go without. In the 1920's Coca-Cola got into the act with an iconic image of jolly, white beard, rotund man that even made it to the big screen in the 1947 classic, "Miracle on 34th Street". It seems the Jolly Old Elf with his band of toy-making minions and stable of reindeer far away (too far to visit) in the North Pole was very firmly established.

But he's not God. God has been around a lot longer (LIKE FOREVER!). He's got a whole book dedicated to what He's done and said. Thousands of

songs, and yes, since the 1700's He's on all our money. He's made it to the big screen in lots of movies. Yeah, they both are seen as a white-bearded old man who rewards the good, and punishes the naughty, but they are leagues apart.

God doesn't make a list or need to check it twice. He doesn't keep track of our transgressions, large or small. Jesus is God's sign that He's done with list-keeping.

He's not far away. He's as close as the desire of your heart. From one heartbeat to the next, accepting Him into your heart, and He's there.

And as for gift-giving, check out what the Holy Spirit brings! Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude (to bear adversity with courage), Knowledge, Piety (the quality of being reverent), and Fear (Respect) of the Lord. And NONE of them need batteries!

While those who are naughty might worry about Santa's arrival and lack of gifts and list of shortcomings, there's no reason to fear God's coming; He comes to TAKE troubles & fears. He doesn't need to go around soliciting money. He's not after money; He's after your heart. We return a part of what is His (time, talent, treasure) to Him as an act of thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received so that others may in turn be so blessed by spreading His word.

John 3:17 says: "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." This means, God isn't Santa. Jesus isn't Santa. The Holy Spirit isn't Santa. Thank God for that!

### White Orange Dream Cookies

1 cup soft butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1 large egg (room temp)  
1/2 tsp vanilla  
1 T grated orange zest  
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 1/2 cups (or an 11 oz package) white chips

Preheat oven to 350. In large bowl cream butter, sugars, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and orange zest. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in chips.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls, 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake until golden brown (10-12 minutes) Remove to wire racks to cool.

1 cookie; 91 calories





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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 ~**



## Missouri CAMP Director

Nothing to report as no one showed up for the scheduled walk. I needed a rest anyway. Hope everyone has a great winter and holidays filled with joy, family and friends. I will try to have new activities for next year..

*Pat Crow*

Missouri State C,A.M.P. Director



### Winterize The RV Water System

Frigid Temperatures can be an issue for RVs, especially the water system. Water expands when it freezes so if there is any water in the components of the water system it may cause damage as this expansion occurs. It is wise to prepare these parts of the RV when storing the RV in a location where freezing temperatures may occur.

To read more on this subject visit this link:

[RVSAFETY.COM](http://RVSAFETY.COM)

### A Long Winter's Nap - Preparing for Storage

The fall and early winter is a wonderful time of the year. It also means different things for the wide range of RV owners. Some folks are finishing their traveling time and preparing to put the RV in hibernation for part of the year. Others will shortly be resurrecting the RV from storage to migrate south for for warmer weather until the spring. Most vehicle's mechanical systems and building materials prefer be used or move around regularly..

Read more: [RVSAFETY.COM](http://RVSAFETY.COM)

## Complete Camping Schedule - 2025

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

April 25 - 27, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [Echo Bluffs State Park](#) - Eminence MO

May 2 - 4, 2025 - MSCA - [Coachlight RV Park](#) - Carthage MO

May 4 - 9, 2025 - Slow Travelers - [Wanderlust RV Park](#) - Eureka Springs AR

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

May 16 - 18, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [Pine Trails Campground](#) - Belleview MO

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

July 18 - 19, 2025 - FCRV Campvention Early Days - [James E Ward Agricultural Center](#) - Lebanon TN

July 20 - 21, 2025 - FCRV Campvention - [James E Ward Agricultural Center](#) - Lebanon TN

June 20 - 22, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [Hawn Sate Park](#) - Ste. Genevieve MO

July 18 - 20, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [South Sandusky Campground](#) - Benton IL

August 15 - 17, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [Double J Campground](#) - Chatham IL

September 19 - 21, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [Coon Creek \(DLEG\)](#) - Shelbyville IL

September 19 - 21, 2025 - MSCA - [Lazy Day Campground](#) - Danville MO

September 21 - 26, 2025 - Slow Travelers - [Pine Trails Campground](#) - Belleview MO

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

October 17 - 19, 2025 - Gateway Campers - [Cottonwoods RV Park](#) - Columbia MO

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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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### 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 19 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](mailto:missouricampernewslettereditor@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to help you out. Watch for more 2025 campouts showing up in the next newsletter.



Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly

I Wish you a  
Very Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!

Eddie Hensley



Warmest Holiday Wishes!

May your home be filled  
with warmth and happiness  
during the holidays  
and through the New Year

Pitch 'n' Pull



Greetings of the Season  
and Best Wishes for the  
New Year!

Mike & Karen  
Kremer

A silent night, a star above,  
a blessed gift of hope and  
love. A blessed Christmas  
to you!



Paul & Beth Standiford



May this glorious day of our  
Savior's birth resound with  
hope and peace on earth!  
Merry Christmas!

In Christian Love

Mike & Mary



Remembering special friends like  
you and wishing you all the  
happiness of this holiday season.

Have a Very Merry Christmas!

Kathy & Jerry Tannehill

## Membership Application

### 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 2025. A part of this amount is for a subscription to the Missouri Camper.

#### FORWARD TO MSCA TREASURER

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