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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.

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Linda & Mike Van de Riet



Message From The President

by Linda Van de Riet

Time to enter into the fall season of camping. It has been a great year for many new travels. Mike and I have explored Gulf Shores with our family and thoroughly enjoyed it. We now understand everyone's pleasure about traveling to that area every year. Our kids and grandkids thoroughly enjoyed the beach, wandering up and down the shoreline looking for shells and the sea food was really enjoyable. We will be returning in the future.

We have also enjoyed our numerous camping trips with the Gateway Camping group. It is a pleasure to experience the trips to small towns throughout Missouri and Illinois. Recently, we spent the weekend with our camping friends at Blue Springs. We had breakfast at a cute little restaurant in Bourbon owned by Dan Gray (previous St. Louis newsman) and his wife. The food was excellent and we were entertained by his brother-in-law playing the guitar and singing. The restaurant was comfortable like a cozy old house with homey decorations and the ability to sit with friends for an extended breakfast time while listening to great country music and being visited by their cute dog, Dolly, begging for a treat. We really enjoyed it and afterwards, a few of us escaped the heat of the day lounging in the creek nearby. It was a very enjoyable weekend with good food, welcomed conversations and spending time with our camping buddies. Next on the schedule is a trip to Pomme De Terre Lake, we are looking forward to it.

See you on the road!

Linda

NOTICE !!!!!!!

Missouri State Campers Association Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, September 26, 2026

The meeting of the Delegates of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville MO.

General business of the organization will be conducted at this meeting. We will be voting on changes to the MSCA Constitution and By-laws. 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 26, 2026

The Annual Membership Meeting of Missouri State Campers Association will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Lazy Day RV Park, Danville MO.

Primary purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for 2027 and select locations for our Spring and Fall MSCA campventions. Please come prepared with campground information. Offices up for election are President, 2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary. Please contact the [President](#) if you wish to run for one of the offices listed.

Linda Van de Riet

MSCA President

2nd Vice President - Fall 2026

By Kathy & Jerry Tannehill



It just seems like time has sped up again lately. Do you ever get that feeling? I do, it feels like I blinked and all of a sudden summer is almost over, school is about ready to start, and it's time to plan for our fall MSCA Campout for this year. It didn't help that I missed the email from Paul for summing articles for the fall addition of the Missouri Camper Newsletter a few weeks ago. Thankfully, he sent out a second reminder to get my attention. So, without further ado here it is...

Our next MSCA Campout for Fall 2026 is scheduled from Friday, September 25th thru Sunday, September 27th. It is being held at Lazy Day Campground located at 214 State 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. It is \$55.00 per night for full hookups, plus a small reservation fee. Make sure you tell them you are camping with the MSCA Group to get a 10 percent group discount. I encourage you all to come and hang out and have a great time.

On Friday night we are planning to have a potluck dinner as usual, so bring your own meat and a dish to share with the group. After dinner we will be playing Card Bingo. This is always a fun time, so please bring an inexpensive wrapped gift per person if you want to play. On Saturday morning, the Slow Travelers will be serving breakfast; the cost will be \$6.00 per person and always a good way to start the day. Then there will be a short MSCA Board of Directors Meeting followed by a General Meeting for all MSCA Members. After lunch time I will be hosting a Diamond Art craft for those that are interested. I am looking forward to this, I hope you are too. For the Saturday evening meal MSCA will provide the meat dish; the cost will be \$5.00. Please bring your favorite dish to share with the group. Afterwards we will be having our first ever Floor Shuffleboard Tournament. So, limber up your arms and get ready for a fierce competition. On Sunday there will be a Morning Devotional with Beth before we all head out on our next camping adventures.

See you all in Danville, Safe Travels!

MSCA 2nd Vice Presidents,

Kathy and Jerry Tannehill

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 ~



1st Vice President

By Paul Standiford



Greetings to all my fellow campers,

I mentioned in the Summer newsletter that Missouri was well represented at the Retiree Rally. Unfortunately, we were not very well represented at the 2026 Campvention. There was quite a bit to see in the area (Huron SD) and we made the most of our time at both the Campvention and the week following Campvention. A storm came through Huron the night before early days were to start and did quite a bit of damage to trees in the area. None of our FCRV campers were injured although one RV did sustain some damage. We had a good time both at the Campvention and

site seeing in the area. Next year the Campvention will be in Marshall MI. Make your plans now to attend.

Retiree Rally 2027 is a bit different next year. It is at a private campground. The reservations for the Rally will be made when you register for the Rally. However, you will not be able to just show up early and pay for your early days when you show up. You will need to make your own reservations for early days directly with the campground. The Rally begins on Sunday, March 14th and ends on March 20th with departure the morning of March 21st. You can make your own reservations either prior to or immediately following the Rally and will not have to move from site to site. Watch for more information coming soon in Camping Today.

I am still working on a few new items. First, I presented to the BOD a suggested new trifold brochure for MSCA. There were a few changes suggested. I will email them to the BOD and hope to hold a Zoom meeting to get approval to have them printed before the MSCA Fall Campvention.

The change to the MSCA Constitution and Bylaws that would combine the two meetings held at the MSCA Fall Meeting that I talked about is still in the works. I hope to have it ready for a vote by the BOD at the fall meeting.

At the Spring Campvention we discussed the possibility of changing the Fall date to the second weekend after Labor Day instead of the current date of the third weekend after Labor Day. This will be discussed at the 2026 MSCA Fall Campvention and if approved would go into effect in 2027.

Please note that we need candidates for the following offices - President, Second Vice President and Recording Secretary. Please contact our MSCA President or MSCA 1st Vice President via email if you would like to run for one of the offices. Both email addresses are on Page 2 of this newsletter.

As an FCRV member you should be getting an email from <https://thedyrt.com>. FCRV has entered into a partnership with The Dyrt and as a member in good standing you will receive one free year of the PRO membership of The Dyrt. The Dyrt is the largest campground search and review app in the United States, offering information on over 1 million campsites, RV parks, glamping sites, and dispersed (free) camping locations.

And last, we are planning to have a booth at the Fall RV Show that will be held at the Family Arena on September 11 - 13. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Beth Standiford at secretary@mofcrv.org for more information. Most of you have her phone number and can call if you wish. I no longer put any phone numbers in the newsletter to help prevent spam calls.

If you would like to submit articles for future Missouri Camper newsletters just let me know. Any articles about your camping experience, conservation, campfire cooking, etc. are welcome.

2026 MSCA FALL CAMPOUT

September 25-27, 2026

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

(573) 564-2949 <http://lazydaycampground.com>

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Activities: All will take place in the Large Club Room unless otherwise stated.

Meals: See the program below. Coffee and water will be provided by MSCA.

Table Service: Includes your own cups, plates, utensils, and napkins.

Side dishes: Including regular or gluten free options.

Meetings: Board of Directors and General Membership

Craft: Diamond Art Bookmarks

Games: Card Bingo and Floor Shuffleboard

Sunday Devotional

ACTIVITIES

Friday September 25th

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

7:00pm Card “BINGO” - Please bring an inexpensive wrapped gift per person playing.

Saturday September 26th

8:00 to 9:00am Breakfast – The Slow Travelers Group will be serving Jimmy Dean Breakfast Sandwiches and a mixed fruit bowl at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Coffee and water will also be provided. Please bring your own table service.

9:00am MSCA Board of Directors Meeting

9:30am General Meeting for all Members

Lunch on your own – Take some time to refresh, visit friends, or see some local attractions.

1:00pm Craft Time – Diamond Art Corner Bookmarks. Get your crafty fingers ready.

6:00pm MSCA Dinner – MSCA will be serving a meat dish for dinner. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share with the group, and your own table service. Water and coffee will be provided.

7:00pm Floor Shuffleboard Competition – This should be a lot of fun for all.

Sunday September 27th

9:00am Devotional Program – Presented by MSCA Chaplin Beth Standiford.

Safe Travels to all & Happy Camping till we meet again!

Gateway Campers

by Jan Hopkins



In this edition, I am acting as a roving reporter! Don and I took the camper to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, which is as far north in Wisconsin as you can go. We broke the drive into two segments of roughly 5-6 hour drive days, stopping overnight in Madison both ways.

Upon arrival at Bayfield, we explored the town, found dinner, and Don found the local ice cream shop for us!



On our first full day we took a boat tour around and between the islands to see the ice caves and lighthouses. Two islands, Sand Island and Raspberry Island, have 19th century lighthouses.



When winter temperatures allow, the sea caves and rock formations on some of the islands become stunning ice caves and are reachable by crossing the Great Lake about a mile on foot. During our boat tour in June there was no ice, but the cliffs and sea caves were beautiful!

Even in June, it was colder than expected, and we wore jackets! It was such a refreshing change from the heat in Saint Louis! After the boat tour we found lunch overlooking Lake Superior, and took a hike to a waterfall!

On another day, we took a 30 minute ferry ride to Madeline Island, one of the Apostle Islands. We saw some art galleries, went to Big Bay State Park, and again found lunch at a restaurant overlooking Lake Superior. Sadly, all of the ice cream shops were closed on Wednesday, which is the day we were there!

It was interesting how late the sun set and how early it rose, and overnight it never got very dark.



On our way south to Madison we stopped for a lunch break and then hiked at Dells of the Eau Claire. These dells reminded us of Johnsons Shut-Ins in Missouri.



We spent one extra day in Madison on our way south, during which we went to the zoo, and the Olbrich Botanical Garden. The garden was 16 acres of lush gardens, water features, and even a Royal Thai Pavilion and Garden. Olbrich's Thai Garden features the Royal Thai Pavilion, a gift from the government of Thailand. It's the only one in the continental United States, and the only one outside of Thailand

surrounded by a garden.

On our way back to camp from Olbrich we stopped at the Calliope Ice Cream shop, which prides itself on having “inventive, innovative and creative” ice creams. Some options were Sweet Corn, Goat Cheese & Beet, and Brandy Old-Fashioned Ice Cream. They did not have Don’s beloved butter pecan! He substituted a graham cracker ice cream, and made it work.



Slow Travelers Updates

By Frances Jackson

Fall is a great time to go camping in Missouri. As the summer heat fades into cooler temperatures, green leaves give way to an array of Autumn colors.

Shorter daylight hours signal leaves to slow and eventually stop the production of chlorophyll. As chlorophyll degrades, the green color fades, revealing other colors present in the leaves. The vibrancy from year to year depends on the weather during the entire growing season; but in fall sunny, cool and dry conditions tend to provide the most vibrant colors.

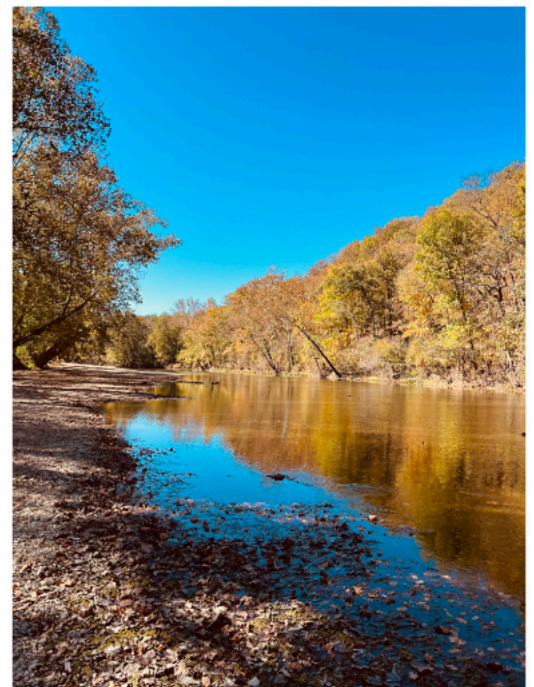
Missouri has a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and woody vines whose leaves turn beautiful colors of yellow, orange, red, and purple at different times. Our season may last six to eight weeks, in progressive phases, usually starting in mid-September. Peak season is usually around mid-October and fall color is usually finished by the middle of November. Color changes unfold gradually rather than peaking all at once, making Missouri foliage season longer and more forgiving for trip planning than in higher elevations like New England or the Smokies. The progression of color change usually starts earliest in northern and western Missouri and moves southward and eastward across the state.

When planning a campout check out the Missouri Department of Conservation’s fall color report at mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor. The report is updated weekly, beginning in mid-September and wrapping up in the middle of November.

Slow Travelers will be camping in Ray Behrens Campground at Mark Twain Lake; arriving on September 27th and leaving on October second. Come camp with us. I can’t guarantee full fall color, but I know we will have loads of fun!

Frances Jackson

Slow Travelers Secretary



Pitch 'n' Pull - Fall 2026

by Beth Standiford

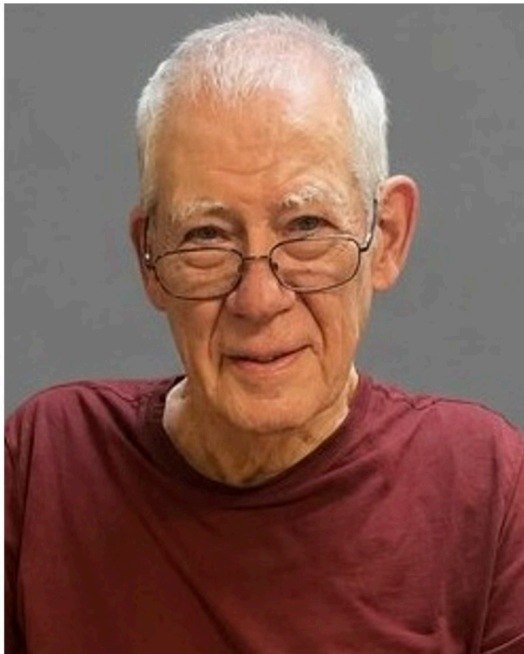


Regretfully, Pitch 'N' Pull has not been able to camp for the last few months. There was an event coming up in September, but that was canceled due to issues beyond anyone's control. We do plan to have our meeting at 12:00 p.m. on December 2. It will be at Colton's Steak House in Rolla, MO. (1675 N. Bishop Avenue)

Pitch 'N' Pull is the oldest chapter in Missouri. The charter was dated April 2, 1966, which makes this chapter 60 years old. While the chapter is not chartered as a retiree chapter in recent years, campouts have been scheduled on weekdays, which essentially has turned it into a retiree chapter. Campouts were previously centered around Independence, MO, but in recent years, we have spread out a bit more. However, many of our former members are no longer camping, and recruitments have been few. Sad to say, the future of Pitch 'N' Pull is grim unless we can get more members. Anyone interested in helping us keep this chapter alive, please feel free to attend the lunch meeting mentioned above.

In Memoriam

James "Tiny" William Thoenen **April 5, 1949 - July 11, 2026**



James "Tiny" William Thoenen, age 77, of Linn, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Westphalia Hills, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born April 5, 1949, in Jefferson City, a son to the late Edward "Ed" and Betty "Bets" Thoenen.

He was a 1967 graduate of Fatima High School and received his bachelor's degree from Rockhurst University in Kansas City. Jim earned his teaching certificate from Lincoln University in Jefferson City and then he attended University of Kirksville to earn his math certification.

On June 21, 1975, he was united in marriage to Merilee Barnes at the Blue Ridge United Methodist Church in Raytown, Missouri. She survives at their home.

Jim was a retired teacher. He began teaching in 1971 and taught at Chamois, Linn and Fatima until 1996. From 1996 until 2005 he taught at Linn Technical College. In 2005, Jim taught GED classes at the Church Farm Prison for the Missouri Department of Corrections until 2007. He then went to work for the Missouri Department of Conservation. Jim was certified to teach grades K-12 PE, 7-9 History, 7 – secondary education, Math, High School

Computers, post-secondary Communications, and Post secondary Residential Wiring. He coached and refereed for many years, influenced many youth with his coaching.

He was a member of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Frankenstein. Jim was also a member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, Camping Club and a former member of the Linn Lions Club.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and woodworking however his greatest joy came from spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his spouse of 51 years, Merilee, Jim is survived by: two children, Katrina Koenigsfeld and her husband Jamie of Frankenstein and Tim Thoenen and his wife Sirenia of Sunrise Beach; six grandchildren,

Amber Koenigsfeld, Abby Mueller and her husband Austin, Emma Koenigsfeld, Zach Koenigsfeld all of Frankenstein, Jake Thoenen of Kodiak, Alaska, and Max Thoenen of Kansas City; one great granddaughter, Daisy Mueller with another great grandson due in September, 2026; three brothers, Joe (Donna) Thoenen of Linn, Jeff (Peggy) Thoenen of Willard and Ed (Stacy) Thoenen of Linn; four sisters, Peggy (John) Hemeyer of New London, Ruth (Dennis) Block of Loose Creek, Rose Thoenen of Loose Creek and Jean Hall of Jefferson City; two sisters-in-law, Betty Thoenen of Frankenstein and Sarah (Dallas) Thoenen of Linn; a brother-in-law, John (Cheryl) Barnes of Linn; along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Jerry Thoenen; brother-in-law, George Barnes and his wife Betty; a niece, Melissa Block and a nephew, Chad Thoenen.

Obituary can be found at <https://www.mortonchapel.com/obituaries/james-tiny-thoenen>

Off The Beaten Path

by Beth Standiford



Most of you know Hubby and I have been traveling and for 3 weeks saw many really cool and highly well known sites. One rarely seen where we spent some time was the ER in Ogallala, Nebraska. I'm fine. Just bruised. Another one I never expected to see was the somewhat bald headed guy in front of me on a tour bus at Crazy Horse. He had a tattoo of a stick-figure man with a lawnmower at his hairline. But a little closer to home, here are some things you might be interested in seeing.



The National Museum of Transportation in St. Louis. If you missed seeing the Big Boy locomotive steam through in your area, I'm told it has a non-working (but every bit as big) one. It has airplanes, towboat, busses, 1917 Indian motorcycle, penny-farthing bicycle and lots more. Hours are 7 days a week 9-4 (check ahead to be sure what you want to see is there. Adults \$16, Seniors, Military and 1st responders \$14, Kids \$8.

Uranus Fudge Factory, St. Robert, MO Put on your third-grade mentality and visit for lots of jokes about Uranus because that's where the best fudge comes from. This stop is more than just a sweet shop. Funny t-shirts, general store, pirate mini golf, ice cream, side show museum, playground for the kids and amazing photo ops. Everybody should stop at least once in their life.

Glore Psychiatric Museum, St. Joseph, MO. Housed in the former St. Joe State Mental Hospital and named for George Glore who worked there as an occupational therapist, this will give you a glimpse into how mental illnesses were treated back in the day. See the Tranquilizer Chair that kept one immobile for the application of leeches. See the Human Hamster Wheel which looks fun but patients were locked inside and forced to run for up to two days straight. Thank goodness we've come a long way since those days.

And finally, Buster Brown's Grave, Hornersville Cemetery. Only those of you of a certain age will remember who Buster Brown (and his dog Tige) was and what he was famous for. But did you know he was really William "Major" Ray, a midget. 37" tall spent many years with his wife, Jennie, billed in the Sells Brothers Circus as "The World's Smallest Couple". At the age of 40 he convinced the Buster Brown shoe company that he could portray the company's child icon better than a real child. And as that world famous teller of tales would say....."and now you know the rest of the story."

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? 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.

Missouri Conservation

Missouri Conservation Department protects fish, forests and wildlife, and helps you discover nature.

They have a very well put together [Facebook page](#) that help you take in conservation in small, easy to manage bites. Covering a wide range of interest and updates on how your conservation money is being spent, MDC keeps you updated on what season it is, tips on conservation safety, purchasing tree seeds, green living, birding just to name a few. Plus, spectacular photos.



The RV Revolt

By Karen Kremer

@journeyadventuresdiscovered

Well, fellow travelers, after leaving Pigeon Forge, we pointed the truck toward home. Unfortunately, our fifth wheel apparently didn't get the memo.

It all started with what I now refer to as The Great Electrical Meltdown. One evening, our faithful surge protector earned its retirement badge by taking one for the team. It sacrificed itself to save our RV, leaving behind melted plugs, charring, and two very thankful

campers. Let's just say we were grateful the only thing smoking that night wasn't us! We lived to travel another day.

From there, it became an Olympic event: RV Repair Hopscotch. We made two repair appointments, became frequent flyers at Camping World, and just when we thought we had everything fixed... our slide decided it was only going to come in most of the way. Apparently, it enjoys sightseeing as much as we do.

By then, our fifth wheel was waving the white flag. We finally looked at each other and said, "I think the RV is trying to tell us something." Loud and clear! Time to head home before it started dropping any more expensive hints.

So, our summer camping season has been cut a bit short. The RV will be taking a spa vacation until September while we let our repair budget recover.

But don't worry, we're not staying still for long. We're trading campgrounds for castles as we head to Europe for a 15-day cruise on the Rhine River. I'm looking forward to a mode of travel where someone else worries about the hookups, the electrical system, and whether the slide will come in. If something breaks, hopefully it's just my high school German!

Until then, we'll still be getting our travel fix by car as we head to hockey events in Ohio and Colorado. It's amazing how relaxing a trip feels when all you have to do is turn the key and go.

Here's hoping your biggest camping problem is deciding who's making breakfast. May your slides slide, your power stay on, and your repair shops remain just places you drive past.

Safe travels and happy trails!

I have a feeling September will bring the next chapter. Hopefully it will be called "The RV Apology Tour." 🚐



Karen 😎👣

Complete Camping Schedule - 2026 - 2027

August 21 - 23, 2026 - Gateway Campers - [Pomme De Terre S. P.](#) - Pittsburg MO
September 11 - 13, 2026 - Gateway Campers - [Coles Creek Campground](#) - Carlyle IL
September 11 - 13, 2026 - RV Show - [Family Arena](#) - St. Charles MO - Your Help Is Needed
September 25 - 27, 2026 - MSCA Fall Campvention - [Lazy Day Campground](#) - Danville MO
September 27 - Oct 2, 2026 - Slow Travelers - [Ray Behrens, Mark Twain Lake](#) - Perry MO
October 16 - 18, 2026 - Gateway Campers - [370 Lakeside Park](#) - St. Peters MO
March 11 - 13, 2027 - FCRV Retiree Rally Early Days - [River View RV Park](#) - Vidalia LA
March 14 - 21, 2027 - FCRV Retiree Rally - [River View RV Park](#) - Vidalia LA
April 16 - 18, 2027 - Gateway Campers - [Echo Bluffs State Park](#) - Eminence, MO
May 14 - 16, 2027 - MSCA Spring Campvention - TBD
May 21 - 23, 2027 - Gateway Campers - [Johnson's Shut-Ins](#) - Middle Brook, MO
June 18 - 20, 2027 - Gateway Campers - [Rend Lake - South Sandusky](#) - Sesser IL
July 8 - 10, 2027 - FCRV Campvention Early Days - [Calhoun County Fairgrounds](#) - Marshall MI
July 11 - 17, 2027 - FCRV Campvention - [Calhoun County Fairgrounds](#) - Marshall MI
July 16 - 18, 2027 - Gateway Campers - [Perryville KOA](#) - Perryville MO
August 20 - 22, 2027 - Gateway Campers - [Pere Marquette S.P.](#) - Grafton IL
September 17 - 19, 2027 - Gateway Campers - [Ray Behrens, Mark Twain Lake](#) - Perry MO
September 24 - 26, 2027 - MSCA Fall Campout - TBD
October 15 - 17, 2027 - [Shelbyville, Coon Creek](#) - Findlay IL

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.

Slow Travelers - Email: slow.travelers@mofcrv.org

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

NEW READERS - PLEASE READ THIS

If you are new to this newsletter - this is what FCRV, MSCA and the local chapters are all about. There are 18 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.



"GATHER ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI"

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME _____ **FIRST** _____ **SPOUSE/OTHER** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF OTHER _____ **#OF PEOPLE IN UNIT** _____

CELL PHONE # 1 _____ **CELL PHONE # 2** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ **CONFIRMATION SENT: PDF** _____ **WORD** _____ **EMAIL** _____

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

REGISTERING FOR CAMPING: ON GROUND _____ **OFF GROUND** _____ **CAMP PASS** _____

LENGTH OF UNIT: _____ **TYPE OF UNIT: MOTOR HOME** _____ **PULL BEHIND** _____ **5TH WHEEL** _____ **TENT** _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY: YES _____ **NO** _____ **ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES** _____ **NO** _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR: LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS. **NAME OF SPECIAL NEED PERSON** _____

REGISTRATION FORMS: ALL THOSE ATTENDING MUST PRE-REGISTERED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2027 DEADLINE TO SECURE YOU A SITE. AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$35 WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN REGISTERING AT THE GATE.

EARLY DAYS: EARLY DAY FEE WILL BE COLLECTED BY RIVER VIEW RV PARK & RESORT. YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE YOUR EARLY DAY RESERVATIONS WITH THEM. APPROXIMATELY \$45 PER NIGHT. THEY SHOULD PUT YOU ON A SITE THAT YOU CAN STAY FOR THE ENTIRE RALLY. PLEASE LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE WITH THE FCRV RETIREE RALLY. THEY DO OFFER DISCOUNT RATES: VETERANS, GOOD SAMs, AARP, ETC.

INCLUDED IN THE FEE: FULL HOOK-UP, (30/50AMP), ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 MEALS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND A LOT OF FUN.

RATES:

2 PEOPLE IN UNIT: \$385 **AT GATE:** \$420

1 PERSON IN UNIT: \$355 \$390

CAMP PASS STAYING IN UNIT ON GROUNDS AS 2ND FAMILY IN UNIT:

2 PEOPLE \$145

1 PERSON \$115

CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:

2 PEOPLE \$145

1 PERSON \$115

REFUNDS: ALL BUT \$50 WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BEFORE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE RALLY DEADLINES OF FEBRUARY 15, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. REFUND REQUESTED AFTER RALLY STARTS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE RALLY.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY, NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.**

MAIL TO: MILDRED PAUWELS, P.O. BOX 193, DANA, N.C. 28724

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: _____



FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2027 CAMPVENTION

"Dreams Begin"

July 11-17, 2027

Calhoun County Fairgrounds

720 Fair St, Marshall, MI 49068



REGISTRATION:

Welcome to Campvention 2027. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

****Refund policy:** If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2027 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2026, to receive a \$30.00 discount (\$395.00).

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$425.00	\$450.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$205.00	\$225.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (July 11 - 17)	\$205.00	\$225.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$40.00	\$50.00

Early Bird Days: July 8-10 @ \$35/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check)

Is this your first Campvention?: _____ Are you an FCRV Member?: _____ Member #: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR UNIT:

Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: 9 – 12 _____ Youth: 5 – 8 _____ Total number of people in Unit: _____

****Please list the names and ages of all youth and teens on the back of this form.**

CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.)

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: _____ (Valid Handicap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motorhome _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Number of slide outs _____

Electricity: 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ (50 amp is limited. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)

****Bring extension cords. Water available. Bring hoses and Y connectors.**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Thursday 7/8 _____ Friday 7/9 _____ Saturday 7/10 _____

CAMPVENTION HELP: Would you like to help with event(s)? Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes _____ No _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention 2027

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2027

635 Atlantic St.

Milford, MI 48381

For inquiries please call Marci at 313-590-3092

or Linda at 248-797-5030

Confirmations will be sent via Email.

Please allow a month for processing.

Membership Application

Missouri State Campers Association

Chartered Under National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc.
(dba Family Campers and RVers)

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 2026.
A part of this amount is for a subscription to Missouri Camper.

Forward to MSCA TREASURER

Don Hopkins, 2140 Telford Drive, Saint Louis MO 63125

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