

Meramec Valley Camp Resort Cuba, Mo.

Meramec Valley News

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A Message From Your President

As the 2008 Camping Season begins, campers are faced with many challenges: The rising cost of fuel and the cost of items we use on a daily basis.

As fuel cost goes up almost everything goes up because of transportation fees that are transferred to the consumer.

One of the biggest topics today is global warming and going green. There are all kinds of theories about saving our planet. I guess you are thinking...what has this to do with Meramec Valley Camp Resort. The answer is - the amount of electric we use at our park! We are one of Crawford County Electric Company's largest users of electric. Therefore, our electric usage is one of the items that directly increases our park maintenance cost.

We are considered a small city and have the same problems as big cities with rising costs. We have a water system, sewer system, electrical grid system, trash service, taxes, insurance, wages and maintenance on our buildings and equipment. Just like a big city, these systems and items cost us as consumers.

We can do our part as a member and their guests of Meramec Valley to help our environment and cut cost at our campgrounds. If we would turn off lights, set back or turn off our AC units when campers are unattended, that would be some of a savings to us. We also have aluminum recycle cans around the pools, buildings and an aluminum recycle bin by the guard office for easy drop off. If we recycle, this means less trash that we have to pay for and we receive money for the aluminum.

Let's all do our part and conserve on electric and recycle aluminum. This will help our environment and help cut cost at Meramec Valley Camp Resort.

Happy Camping,
Bill Blanner

www.MeramecValleyCampResort.com

Manager's Corner

Hey Folks,

The staff and I are really glad to see Spring! We felt February was the only month of Winter we had to endure. It seemed like the longest month of Winter and not just because it is Leap Year. We had lots of ice, sleet, snow and something in between every other day plus a few 70 degree days. Only in Missouri. The park was very picturesque during the snow and ice.

We contacted around 800 people this Winter and invited them down to look us over. We have had several come already, to look us over and we are very happy about that. As you know by now we are open to non-members and we have made signs this winter to put up to advertise. The signs are bright and colorful and we hope they attract a lot of attention.

We cut wood this winter and restocked the wood bin and burned leaves. The lighting in Comfort Station #2 was redone as well as some painting. We hope you find it a lot brighter. The lighting in the Store was also repaired. Plumbing work was done in rental trailers and Comfort Station #1.

We graded the roads after the hard rains, cleaned out the culverts and cleaned out the east end of the lake and salvaged quite a bit of gravel. We also cleaned out the ditch behind the electrical shed and salvaged gravel there also. We spread the salvaged gravel on the roads.

All of the equipment was serviced and is ready for the camping season. Regretfully the park truck had several major and costly repairs over the winter but is presently in good working order.

We cleaned out several fire rings and hope to get them all soon. We stayed busy with other numerous jobs and look forward to busier days ahead with the camping season.

We want to remind everyone that the month of April is a busy one. Weekend of April 11, 12 and 13 we have the Easter Egg Hunt and the Pancake and Sausage Supper. We also have Howard RV coming to the park with new trailers and motor homes for us to see. See the activity sheet for more details.

Weekend of April 18, 19 and 20 we have the Board Meeting on Saturday.

Weekend of April 25, 26 and 27 we have CLEAN UP weekend. Bring your rakes and gloves on Saturday. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by all, as it beautifies our park. All volunteers be ready for a great meal that evening.

Until next month,
Carroll

STARTING

IN
MAY

Jam Sessions

1PM

**At the pavilion
Every 1st & 3rd
Saturday
of the month.**

**If you would like to
participate
or have any
questions**

**Contact:
Bill Landing
(573) 259-9179**

**or
Lodge
(573) 885-2541**

**Come and enjoy
some great
music.**



If YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY

CONTACT 911 if NEEDED

CONTACT Office

1 573 885-2541

If office is

NOT AVAILABLE

CALL

1 800 926-6657

AND KEY IN

CAMPSITE NUMBER

THANK YOU! **TO THOSE WHO MAKE A** **DIFFERENCE**

It is Thank You Time for those who have made a Difference. Each month in the Newsletter we will be thanking three individuals or groups who have made a DIFFERENCE. When you look around we hope you are thankful for all the Improvements that the following volunteers have made to the park:

1. We hope you thank Joy Adkins for sewing all the curtains in the lodge, snack shop, arcade and adult center. She spent a lot of her time to provide this service which made a tremendous improvement to our park. Not only did she make the curtains, she sewed covers for the old worn cushions on the couches. The buildings are much more attractive thanks to her. **Thank you, Joy.**
2. We hope you thank Barb and Joe Langeneckert for all the painting, painting, painting and other numerous tasks they perform around this park. Isn't the pool wall painting that Barb did free handed **Outstanding?**
3. We hope you thank the River-rats for the Auction every year that raises money for the park. We purchased such things as new carpet for the lodge and adult center, along with many other things, They used the proceeds to purchase smokers and pool side lounges for the area.

Quote Of The Month

Henry David Thoreau wrote
**"A taste for the beautiful
is most cultivated out of doors"**
SO

We hope to see all of you "out-of-doors" SOON!

Susan Mealy

Roughing It Goes Soft

Here's a new term to get used to: glamorous camping, aka glamping.

It's luxe leisure for those who want to get back to nature with out leaving their creature comforts behind. At the Paws Up resort in Montana's Big Sky country, for instance, guest pay \$595 a night to sleep in a tent that comes with a butler who builds campfires and a maid who turns down the heated down comforter. Better pack the fine china along with the calamine lotion.



the teen side

OK TEENS. I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
THE ONLY REQUEST WE HAVE
RECEIVED IS FOR
POOL TOURNAMENTS.
SO WE WILL SCEDULE SOME IN MAY.
ANYTHING ELSE?
CONTACT YOUR EDITOR
LINDA WALSH



Greetings from Paul Standiford Communications Director

Currently my primary goal is to get the new web site up and functional. This is the upgrade that I talked about in the last newsletter. I had hoped to have it functional before March but it simply did not happen.

However, I now have all of the user ID and passwords for the Members Only pages moved over from the existing site to the new site. In some cases I had to add a few characters to your password. The new site requires passwords to be at least 7 characters long. Since some of you had a password less than 7 characters I simply added numbers to the end of your existing password. For example, if your password was 5 characters long I filled in with 2 more characters (6 and 7). So a password like 'james' would become 'james67'. If you had a password of 3 characters like 'mom' it would become 'mom4567'. If you have any problems getting into the Members Only section please e-mail me at paul@standiford.net and I will respond as soon as possible.

For those of you that have not yet applied for your user id and password, you are missing out on some interesting information. This is the place where you can view photos of activities at MVR, read copies of minutes of the board meeting, and view the news letter on line etc.

In the future, I plan to allow you to submit comments and questions to the board and resort manager from the Members Only section. However, that isn't going to make it this first time around.

Currently there are two web addresses; www.meramecvalleycampresort.com points to the current web site and www.meramecvalleyresort.com points to the new web site. Very soon, both of these will point to the new site and the old site will go away. This also means that the very old address of www.meramecvalleyresortcubamo.hypermart.net will no longer work. I doubt if many of you are using that one anyway.

And one more item. When you go to the home page, notice the scrolling news area. If you leave the page too quickly you won't notice it, so give it a few seconds to start to scroll. This is a way to get more information on the home page without clutter. Hope you like it.

Please send suggestions or comments on the web site. Let me know what you like and what you don't like and I'll try to incorporate your suggestions if I can.

Paul Standiford



Safety Tip

of the Month

With the camping season approaching don't forget to check your fire extinguishers.



TWO BLONDES LIVING IN OKLAHOMA WERE SITTING ON THE BENCH TALKING... AND ONE BLONDE SAYS TO THE OTHER: "WHICH DO YOU THINK IS FARTHER AWAY... FLORIDA OR THE MOON?" THE OTHER BLOND TURNS AND SAYS HELLOOOOOO, CAN YOU SEE FLOIDA..??

It's the giving and doing for somebody else...

On that, all life's splendor depends... And the joys of this life, when you sum them all up, are found in the making of friends.

A friend is a present you give yourself. Mary Eads

Anybody Want To Go Camping



Photo of a cougar killed in Steeleville, Mo. The guy who shot it is 6 foot tall and weights about 220 lbs. He was in a deer stand and

saw the cat pass him downwind. He then saw it pass upwind. When the cat passed him again; closer this time; downwind. He knew that it was hunting him. So, BOOM!!! We do have these things in this part of the Country. Steeleville Mo. is about 80 miles SW of St. Louis. Lots of people live in the area.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

MARK & JILL HANKLEY

AMELIA CAUS

BARBARA MCCANLESS

IRVIN H. GOBEN II

L e t t e r s

T O

T h e

E d i t o r

Blonde in Starbucks

A blonde goes into a coffee shop and notices there's a "peel and win" sticker on her cup. So she peels it off and starts screaming, "I've won a motorhome! I've won a motorhome!" The waitress says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize is a free lunch..?" But the blonde keeps on screaming, "I've won a motorhome! I've won a motorhome!" Finally, the manager comes over and says, "Ma'am, I'm sorry, but you're mistaken. You couldn't have possibly won a motorhome because we didn't have that as a prize. The blonde says, "No, it's not a mistake. I've won a motorhome!" And she hands the ticket to the manger and he reads..

"W I N A B A G E L" Bonnie Lonard

Bob Leonard is looking for new ideas for an activity. If you would like to be on the activity committee, he is on site 267 in the exclusives. He would love to hear from you.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STORIES,
COMMENTS AND REPORTS BY
THE 15TH OF THE MONTH TO:

LINDA WALSH
MERAMEC VALLEY

NEWS
1360 HWY. UU
CUBA Mo. 65453

OR

SEND E-MAIL TO
MVRNEWS@SBCGLOBAL.NET



Activities

April

Friday, April 4th

Game Night

7PM Adult Center



Bring your favorite game to share.

Saturday, April 5th

Adult Craft

10AM Adult Center

We bring all the supplies needed.

Cost \$2.50

The craft will be on display
at the office.

Sign up early

limited to 25 crafters.

Friday, April 11th

Game Night

7PM Adult Center



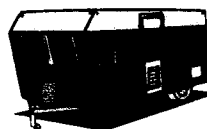
Bring your favorite game to share.

Friday, April 11th

Howard RV

Display

All Weekend



Saturday, April 12th

Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 0 - 11



Adults will have a special egg
hidden just for them to find.

Check your weekend activity
sheet for schedule.

Sausage-Pancake Supper

5PM Snack Shack

\$5.00



Purchase your tickets at the office

Friday, April 18th

Game Night

7PM Adult Center

Bring your favorite game.



Saturday, April 19th

Board Meeting

10AM Adult Center



Friday, April 25th

Game Night

7PM Adult Center

Bring your favorite game.

Saturday, April 26th

Clean Up

Weekend

8AM Lodge



All workers meet for coffee & donuts.

Bring your gloves, rakes and help
clean your park for the new
camping season.

Workers Dinner

5PM Pavilion

All workers be ready
for a great meal.

Pick up your ticket at the office.

May

Friday, May 2nd

Game Night

Saturday, May 3rd

Adult Crafts - Jam Session

Friday, May 9th

Game Night

Saturday, May 10th

Adult Horseshoes

Friday, May 16th

Game Night

Saturday, May 17th

Board Meeting

Adult Horseshoes

Jam Session

Friday, May 23rd

Casino Night

Saturday, May 24th

Pool Opens

Golf Cart Parade

Adult Bingo - DJ Dance

Sunday May 25th

Adult Bingo - Puppet Show

Pick up your Kid's activities sheet in the office