

MERAMEC VALLEY CAMP RESORT

APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

From Your President

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

If you have been in the park lately you, no doubt, have seen some of what has been going on. The park looks great!!! We were very fortunate to have had Wes Alexander in the park this past winter. With his efforts and the help of several volunteers, the general clean up of the park is ahead of schedule. We owe big thanks to Wes Alexander, Dave & Annette Calhoon, Bob Eads, Bill Landing, Matt Boesind, Denny Davis & Harold Satterfield for all of their help this winter. I am sorry if I left anyone out or misspelled anyone's name. Crawford Electric was in the park trimming trees in maintaining their power lines. We had them leave all the trees and trimmings so that we would have the wood to sell for firewood. The above-mentioned volunteers worked very hard at cleaning up the mess and splitting all the wood. We also had Crawford Electric dump the mulch from the treetops over at the maintenance shed and this is available for use by the park and any EA members. Walter Haeffer, a member, select cut some of our big white oak trees and sold

them and made the park just under \$4000.00 to cover the cost of our mower repair and the purchase of a new chainsaw.

Your Board of Directors has been very busy this winter also. We had a booth at the RV Show, in St Louis, Feb. 19, 20, 21 & 22. We also had a booth at the RV Show In Bellville, IL on March 6, 7 & 8. Thank you Linda Baker-Walsh her husband, Larry, & Karen Borggraefe for helping out with booth time. We are very excited about the activity we had at the St Louis RV Show. There was a lot of interest shown in the park due to the fact that we are so close to St. Louis. We expect to see increased interest in the park this year, which should mean increased membership sales this season. We have interviewed for new staff. We have hired Wes Alexander effective March 1st. His efforts through the winter more than proved he is capable for the maintenance position. Billy Hulett was hired as our new Park Manager and started work on Monday March 9, 2009. We all need to welcome him to Meramec Valley and help him in every way we can as he has a lot to do in a very short time. The Board of Directors also found it necessary to terminate the membership of one member who was caught stealing firewood and continuously violating the rules in regards to dogs and general campsite housekeeping. Your new Board of Directors is committed to strict

enforcement of the rules especially where safety and campsite housekeeping/clean up are involved, although continued violation of any of the rules in any area will not be tolerated. We are all excited about the up coming camping season as it should prove to be a GREAT year at Meramec Valley. Projects that are underway are: Replace culvert at the bottom of hill where the dip in the road is to eliminate the dip. Clean up of Horseshoe and re-opening of some of these sites, patch some areas of the blacktop where the pot holes have gotten very bad, survey roads and get some gravel down in the worst areas that are problems during wet weather, address growth on the backside of the Dam that could create problems if not addressed. Your patience is appreciated with any inconvenience created during road maintenance or any other projects.

**Deter Matlock, President
Meramec Valley Board of Directors**

Items wanted

The Activities Committee is looking for wine glasses. These will be used for our Wine and Cheese Party later on this year. If you have any glasses, even one, any size, shape or color, please drop them off at the office or give them to Kim Zweifel. Unfortunately, we can't use crystal as they are too fragile.

Just a reminder from Greg Zweifel

- Don't forget to CHECK IN and CHECK OUT
- Obey posted speed limit since kids are at play,
- Only licensed drivers can operate golf carts,
- No riding on tailgates, in trunks or on trunk lids,
- Pick up after your pet(s),
- Don't leave pets outside while you're gone,
- Keep your site tidy,
- Leave the site clean for the next person to enjoy

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you are interested in volunteering your time, talents or items for any of the yearly activities, please let Michele Matlock or Kim Zweifel know.

ALL members are encourage to attend the Monthly Board Meetings – Check the 2009 Activities Calendar for dates, times and location. These are very informative meetings as this is where you find out what's going on in the park.

Message from Billy, Park Manager

The volunteers and I have been busy around the park. The white truck had a makeover, tires were bought for the skid steer and work was done on the backhoe. As you will see if you haven't already, a box culvert was installed. Leaves were burnt and trees either trimmed or dropped throughout the park. On Horseshoe, there are 5 "B" sites now available for use. The mini golf area has been cleaned and the greens on the course have been replaced. With the winter weather and the general wear and tear on the roads, we have repaired and graveled them where necessary. We had the lawn mower rebuilt and it's now ready for this season. All the rental units have been cleaned and necessary repairs have been made.

During the winter months there was a lot of work done, but there is still much more to do.

If any member is in the park and finds something that we need to address, please bring it to my attention or to the attention of one of your Board Members.

Billy Hulet, Park Manager

If you have stories, comments, jokes or any article you would like to have in the newsletter, please send them to Michele Matlock through the website at:

www.meramecvalleycampresort.com by the 15th of each month for the next month's newsletter.

ACTIVITIES – APRIL

We are very excited about the activities for 2009. We have a lot of the same activities we've had over the years, but to shake things up a little, we've added a few new activities, such as a luau, steak night, new year's eve, a yard sale, two 50's street dances and an ice cream social just to name a few...well actually, I think I named them all. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with any of the activities, please let us know.

We'll kick off the 2009 camping season with an Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested in participating in the Easter Egg Hunt, please sign up in the office by 11AM on Saturday, April 4. Check the Activities Calendar for details.

Also in April, on the 24th, it's the Spring Weekend Spring Clean Up. Dinner will be donated and provided by Linda Baker. As always, check the Activities Calendar for details.

If anyone has any ideas for activities for next year, please let us know by sending me an email through the Meramec Valley website. You can also track me or Kim down in the park.

It's going to be a **GREAT** year!

Michele Matlock/Kim Zweifel
Activities Committee

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 2009

Kevin and Cynthia Wicks
Jean Solis
Matthew Boesing
Ron and Kim Harrell
Christina Eberwein/Bobby Erwin
Cari Thomas
Brad and Jean Goacher
Melissa Wheeler
Randolph and Michelle Simmonds

Scheduled activities for April
Check the Activities Calendar and make your
reservations accordingly.

April 3, 4, 5 **EASTER WEEKEND.** See
Activities Calendar for details.

April 17, 18, 19 **Monthly Board Meeting,**
Saturday, April 18 at 10:00AM
in the Adult Center. All
Members are encouraged to
attend as these meetings are
very informative.

April 24, 25, 26 **SPRING CLEAN-UP**
WEEKEND. See Activities
Calendar for details.

Sneak Peak at May's Activities
Check the calendar for more details

May 1, 2, 3 Kid's Activities and Adult
Horseshoes

May 8, 9, 10 Kid's Activities and Adult
Horseshoes
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 15, 16, 17 **Monthly Board Meeting,**
Saturday, April 18 at
10:00AM in the Adult Center.
All Members are
encouraged to attend as these
meetings are very
informative.

May 22, 23, 24, 25 **MEMORIAL DAY**
WEEKEND

May 29, 30, 31 **MERAMEC VALLEY**
MOTHER'S DAY
WEEKEND (new activity)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL
911, THEN CALL THE OFFICE AT
573-885-2541. IF THE OFFICE IS
CLOSED, CALL THE AFTER HOURS
PHONE AT 573-205-9054. IN
EITHER CASE, LET THE PERSON WHO
ANSWERS OUR RESORT PHONE
KNOW THAT 911 HAS BEEN CALLED
AND GIVE HIM OR HER THE SITE # OF
THE EMERGENCY.

Thanks to all the "JAMMERS" who
participate in the Jam Sessions. If it
weren't for them, there wouldn't be
any Jam Sessions. Thanks to Wanda
Daniels, Richard Enloe, Don Davis,
Darlene Davis, Denny Davis, Paul
Wilson, Bill Landing, Bill Henkel,
Joyce Henkel, Cliff Stewart, Bob
Stewart, Bill Lear (Banjo Bill), Deter
Matlock and Bill Benthall.

SNACK SHACK HOURS FOR APRIL
WHICH WILL OPEN APRIL 15TH

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - 8AM TO 8PM
SUNDAYS ----- 8AM TO 6PM

HOURS FOR MAY WILL BE POSTED IN
NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

The NEW and IMPROVED Store

We are in the process of stocking the store
with items that may be of interest to us. If
you have any suggestions or items you'd like
to see in the store, please let Deter know.