

# Meramec Valley News

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As was mentioned in the first Meramec Valley Newsletter, we are one of Crawford Electric's top electric users. When the campground was built years ago, RVs were not sophisticated as they are today. Today RVs have all the luxuries we have at home. Newer RVs have large 4-door refrigerators, built in icemakers, electric hot water heaters, air-conditioners, heat-pump, microwave or convection ovens, stereos with surround systems, DVD, flat screen TVs, fireplaces and even trash compactors. In other words, RVs consume a lot more electric than units from the past.

Like older campgrounds, we at Meramec Valley have 30amp electrical services per campsite and a lot of times the service is overloaded. Overloading the 30 amp service can trip the breaker causing damage to the breaker and also to your RV's appliances because of low voltage.

Here is an example of amperage usage at a Meramec Valley campsite:

In the morning if you start your air conditioner and your electric hot water heater is on, then you start your coffee pot for that morning cup of coffee, make toast and watch TV, you are using around 50 amps. Remember we only have 30 amp service at each campsite at Meramec Valley and if you trip your breaker you know you are using too much power.

Take a few minutes and see how many amps you are using in your RV before tripping the breaker.

The following is a list of typical appliances used and the average amps required to operate them.

<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>AMPS</b>
AC 15,000 BTUs	12.5
Refrigerator	2.7
Elec. Hot water heater	12.5
Microwave	12.8
Electric Coffee Pot	9.0
Toaster	10.0
Hair Dryer	10.0
TV	2.0
Hand Vacuum	2.0
Electric Fry Pan	10.0
Iron	10.0
Crock Pot	1.5
1100 w. heater	10.0
Electric grill	10.0

HAPPY CAMPING

Bill Blanner - President

[www.MeramecValleyResort.com](http://www.MeramecValleyResort.com)

# **THANK YOU!** **TO THOSE WHO MAKE 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. A big thank you to Bob Jurd for grading the roads and to he and his wife, Joyce, for all the other things they do around the park. Also a big thanks to Bob for serving as Vice President on the Board.  
**Thank You Bob & Joyce!**

2. A big thank you to Jenny Delp for always cleaning up the sites they park on and for fixing them up so attractively. The park would be so beautiful, if everybody would follow her example.  
**Fantastic Job.**

3. A big thank you to Shirley Eads for helping get supplies for the park. One time she helped put two big carts of cold frozen turkeys and trimmings into the car in the RAIN and the whole time, as always, she had that pleasant smile of hers showing.  
**Your Dedication is Greatly Appreciated.**

As all you campers know, it's insect time again. The following are **natural** pest repellents:

**Ants:** Sprinkle cinnamon, bay leaves, cayenne pepper or baby power in problem areas, and along baseboards and windowsills.

**Mosquitoes:** Mix 2 teaspoons of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water placed in your sitting area outside or dab lavender oil on your wrists and elbows

## **Quote Of The Month**

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better"  
Albert Einstein



**Susan Mealy**

## **Activity Report**

We had our Spring Clean Up the end of April, and as usual it had rained all week long, so everything was pretty WET. We got a lot done around the park Thanks to all who helped clean up our park. We had a wonderful dinner that evening. Thank You Susan Mealy and all that helped out. We had our first Jam Session on May 3rd. It was a real good turn out. If you missed it, Bill Landing put on a great show. He had alot of his friends who all played instruments and sung some great tunes. The Deckers cooked some hot dogs and had some soda for sale. All profits went back into the park. Thanks so much for all your hard work. Memorial weekend the pools open and we also have a Puppet show for everyone. It's wonderful if you've never seen it before, Mary Taylor and her group do a wonderful job.

**Bob Leonard**

## **Jam Session**

**Friday**  
**June, 13th**  
**6pm**  
**Pavilion**



**Come have dinner**  
**Hot Dogs, Soda, Chips and**  
**Sweets will be for sale**

**If you have any questions contact:**  
**Bill Landing (573) 259-9179**

## WEB NEWS

The web hosting account with hypermarket has been canceled. This means that the old web address listed on the maps will no longer work.

There are business cards available in the lodge with the address, phone number, fax number, e-mail and web address of the park. Please take one or two of these and keep them in your purse or wallet. If you meet someone interested in the park, you can give them the card so they have all the information they need. If we run out I will order more. Please let me know if you like these cards.

I would like to start an on-line pictorial directory on the members only pages. I have started taking pictures on Memorial Day weekend. I will then take pictures for an hour or two each weekend that I am in the park as long as there is interest. Obviously, participation is voluntary.

When you request access to the Member's Only pages, please be sure to fill out all of the information. At the present time there are three people that have problems with their account.

Two people have requested access to the members only pages but did not supply user ID or passwords. I have sent emails but no response has been received. If you requested access but have not got it yet, please send another request but this time please include the user ID and e-mail that you would like to use.

In addition, I have one person that did not include their e-mail address. I have set up the account but cannot notify them that it was setup.

Take care and I'll see you around the campfire.

**Paul Standiford**  
Communications



## COME JOIN THE FUN AT **Las Vegas Night**

**Saturday**  
**June 7th and June 21st**  
**7:30pm**  
**Adult Center**

Everyone will use the chips that we provide to play the games.  
At 9:30pm everyone will use these same chips to bid on prizes.

**We will also have a 50/50**

Feel free to bring your own  
drinks and snacks



### *My Hero*

*As I ponder the love that I saw in his eyes,  
A Godly love, given without compromise.  
I recall many times that he stood by my side,  
And prodded me on with great vigor and pride,  
His voice ever confident, firm and yet fair,  
Always speaking with patience, tenderness and care.  
The power and might of his hands was so sure.  
I knew there was nothing we couldn't endure.  
It's true, a few others provided insight,  
Yet, he laid the foundation that kept me upright.  
He's the grandest of men to have lived on this earth,  
Although he's not royal by stature or birth.  
He's a man of great dignity, honor and strength.  
His merits are noble, and of admirable length.  
He's far greater than all other men that I know,  
He's my Dad, he's my mentor, my friend and hero.*

*Debbie Hinton Young*

## Welcome New Members

Michael & Roxanna Thompson  
Lynda Donohoo  
Kevin & Jennifer Hendrickson  
Otis & Darlene Witt  
Mark & Melody Mottert  
Marvin Caldwell  
Chris & Ann Matlock  
Randall & Lori Meyer  
Betty Rackley  
Gary & Tia Carle  
Tim & Melinda Meyer  
James DeClue &  
Teresa Pohlmann  
James & Angela Kern  
Don & Nancy McAnar  
Michael & Diane Lang  
Kerri Mills & Scott Akers  
William & Christy Winkler  
Mary Lisa Ackerman

### 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

## Safety Corner

Hello fellow campers and welcome,

I know from all the foul weather that we have been having, it really has not been what we would call a good start for our camping season.

But have no fear, soon we will be able to come out and meet our neighbor without wading threw the mud. We will be able to come out to enjoy our friends and family. So chin up and smile, there are better days ahead.

Mike Childres



## MERAMEC VALLEY RESORT ANNUAL AUCTION

Please come and support your park. We will have Hot dogs, Popcorn and Soda. Come early and get your Bid Number and look over all the wonderful stuff we have this year... All the money we make goes back into the park. If you have any NICE reusable items you can bring them to the lodge, if you would like to donate them to the Auction. Everyone is welcome.

**JUNE 28TH 2008**

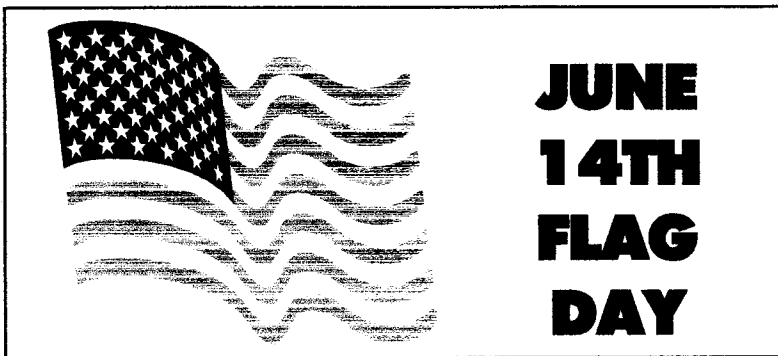
Hope to see you all there

**THE RIVER RATS**



## THE DECKERS

We (Rich & Terri) really began the group called the Deckers. When our daughter died Norman & Louise Mueller came to the funeral parlor. It all began from just an act of kindness. We have all become friends Rose & Mel Boehme, Fay & Rich Crump, Marie & Bob Wieland and our newest fun friends are Linda & Larry Baker. What name would be more appropriate than the Deckers. At any given time we do exactly that, Laugh, eat and play cards on each others deck. One of our Decker projects given to me (Terri) I played cupid and introduced Mel & Rose, believe it or not at my age. (Terri) I was her bridesmaid. Rich & I actually went on their honeymoon with them. We are all close friends that enjoy laughing, eating and playing cards.



"I'm getting so old all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it."

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Our sincere thanks to the  
Taylors  
for the darling Puppet show.  
It was so professional,  
even though the weather didn't  
cooperate!  
We especially enjoyed the  
tribute to our Veterans. That  
and the prayers were very  
inspirational.

Barb and Joe Langenechat

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### Thought of the Month

Be kinder than necessary,  
for everyone you meet  
is fighting some kind  
of battle...

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### RIDDLE

What's black and white,  
and red all over?

M V R News Letter !!!

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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@SBCGOBAL.NET



# Activities

## JUNE



Friday, June 6th

**Game Night**

6:30PM Adult Center

Bring your favorite game to share.



Saturday, June 7th

**Adult Horseshoes**



**Las Vegas Night**

7:30PM Adult Center

Friday, June 13th

**Jam Session**

6PM Pavilion

Hot dogs, chips, soda and sweet  
will be for sale



Saturday, June 14th

**Flag Day**

**Adult Horseshoes**



Saturday, June 14th

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

5:30PM Pavilion

Bring a covered dish and utensils  
The park will provide turkey,  
dressing, gravy and drinks

Sunday, June 15th

**Fathers Day**

Friday, June 20th

8AM You can make your  
reservation for  
4th July weekend

**Game Night**

6:30PM Adult Center



Saturday, June 21st

**Board Meeting**

10AM Adult Center



**Adult Horseshoes**

Saturday, June 21st

**Adult Craft**

1PM Adult Center

**\$2.50**

We bring all the supplies needed.  
The craft will be on display at the  
office. Limited to 25 crafters sign  
up early

**Las Vegas Night**

7:30PM Adult Center



Friday, June 27th

**Game Night**

6:30PM Adult Center

Saturday, June 28th

**Adult Horseshoes**

**Annual Auction**

7PM Pavilion

Hot dogs, soda and popcorn will be  
for sale during the auction.



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## JULY

Friday, July 4th

Adult BINGO

Game Night

Saturday, July 5th

Golf Cart Parade

DJ Dance

Fireworks Display

Sunday, July 6th

Adult BINGO

Friday, July 11th

Game Night

Saturday, July 12th

Fuzz Tail's Birthday

Adult Horseshoes

Las Vegas Night

Friday, July 18th

Game Night

Saturday, July 19th

Board Meeting

Kids Carnival

Friday, July 26th

Game Night

Saturday, July 27th

Christmas in July

Adult Horseshoes

Las Vegas Night

**Pick up your Kid's activities sheet in the office**