Congratulations Missouri COM for an Awesome National Rally in Springfield Missouri

Great turn out with 340 attendees representing, 24 states. There were many Speakers and awesome entertainment, including Inheritance Quartet, The Hosea Bilyeu Family, Missouri Music Men, Spring City Quartet. Speakers from Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma blessed us with many special topics. Mike Bishop, An American Speaks, Dr. John Marshall, Pastor Randall Christy, (CEO The Great Passion Play), James Ogan, President of Fellowship of Missouri Baptist Evangelists, Pastor Ken Epperson, of Summit Baptist. Many commented, “we have been refreshed and revived. It’s been a true time of revival.” We went out laughing of the antics of Bill Atterberry a true comedian who kept us on the edge of our chairs. Seminars were well attended and much information shared. Thanks Missouri for showing Campers on Mission from around the states a really good time.

Missouri started out in style with the Missouri Honor Guard. Next the posting the flags of all states in attendance. “We Are His Hands And Feet” the theme of the 2016 Rally is what we as COM’rs are all about.
Learning at Seminars and Workshops

Sheet Rocking-Roger Jefferies/MO

Tax Info-Barbara Rotunda/FL

RV Maintenance-Mid America RV

Book Link-Flinn Gregory/GA.

Missions-Wilma Grant/MO.

RV Safety/Escapees-Jim Koca

Thanks to all who did Seminars and Work Shops
COM Chapter Business Meeting  
June 8, 2016  
National Rally Springfield Missouri

Mark Harpham convened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Jerry McGovern opened the meeting in prayer.

Mark polled the state chapters present to verify a voting representative for each state. There were 17 states represented with a voting delegate. We currently have 24 active states. Mark commended those present for their attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Marion, NC on June 17, 2015 had been distributed via email and also hard copy prior to the meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. It passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS;
Ron McMonagle, President of Alabama COM extended an invitation for everyone to plan to attend the 2017 National Rally being hosted by Alabama Chapter. Rally will be held in Dothan, Alabama at the National Peanut Festival Grounds. They have several hundred full hook-ups, paved driveways and air conditioned buildings for all meetings. The dates of the rally are June 20-22, 2017. The theme is “Praising Jesus In The Heart of Dixie.” He shared the names of some well known speakers and entertainers that have promised to be on the program.

Barbara Rotunda shared the financial report on the Annual Awards as of June 8, 2016. She has been buying the awards at cost for the past 4 years. The National Coordinator sends her the list of recipients for each award and she orders the plaques. The cost varies each year depending on the number of recipients. The 2015 awards cost $1272.00. The anticipated cost for this years awards should be no more than $750.00. There is no “budget” for these awards. Each year an offering is taken to help off set the cost for that year. So far the offering has covered the cost for that year and she had $300 left from last year to help with this years costs. When the question was raised as to the cost of one award, she stated that the plaques had been costing about $48 each. Bill Foster stated that he might have a source that could do the plaques for about $25 each. Barbara agreed to confer with Bill’s source and compare price and quality of plaques and would purchase this years plaques with as much savings as possible. Due to a misunderstanding between the National Coordinator (Bill Motte) and Regional Representatives as to “who sends the names to Barbara only 3 plaques had been purchased prior to this rally. However all recipients would receive their plaques at a later date.

A discussion as to the “necessity” of continuing the awards resulted in a vote being called for as to whether or not we should continue the awards. The vote passed 11 yes and 6 no. The vote to continue to finance the awards with an offering each year passed 14 yes, and 4 no. The award program will continue as in the past and an offering will be taken each year to offset the cost. It was also suggested that each person be diligent when submitting nominations for awards to make sure their members are aware of the need to contribute to the offering to offset the costs.

A discussion concerning the COM Manual, revealed the Host Chapter (Missouri) had incurred some “gray areas” as to the procedure to follow to ensure a successful rally. Other areas of concern with the manual were also discussed. Some folks were not aware that the entire revised manual is on the National COM Website and can be downloaded. It was unanimously agreed that a “COM Manual” revision committee needs to be put in place as soon as possible to help eliminate any “gray areas” and to update the manual as needed. Everyone was encouraged to download a copy of the manual, read it and submit any suggestions for any changes or additions to their Regional Representatives as soon as possible. The Regional Representatives will take this matter under consideration for further action at their meeting on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS:
South Carolina volunteered their chapter to host the 2020 National Rally. Their offer was unanimously accepted.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS MEETING:

The Executive Sessions with Presidents and those representing the vote for their state along with the Region Representatives opened in prayer. The purpose of the session was to follow the guidelines set in the COM Manual for evaluating the performance of the National Coordinator in performing his/her duties as outlined in the manual.

Chapter 9: Attachment 3
The lead president in each even numbered year shall take a poll: Lead president polls chapter presidents and regional representatives on the effectiveness of the National Coordinator.

There were 16 voting representatives present. Everyone was given an opportunity to speak and express their feelings as to the effectiveness of the current National Coordinator. Region Representatives had been polled prior to this meeting. A report was given as to how they felt current National Coordinator had performed this past year. Following a very open discussion a motion was made current National Coordinator, Bill Motte, be asked to step down effective immediately.

The motion was made “with regret” and passed 14 yes, and 2 no.
CONT. BUSINESS MEETING
Following vote, lead President Mark Harpham agreed to have two others go with him to convey the decision to Bill Motte.

With the position of National Coordinator now vacant it was readily agreed that the need for an Interim was imminent. After some discussion a motion was passed unanimously to ask Jerry and Renee McGovern to serve as Interim National Coordinators. The McGoverns agreed to serve in this capacity immediately. The McGoverns stressed the need for everyone to review the duties of the National Coordinator and following the procedure in selecting a National Coordinator as outlined in the COM Manual, starting with the Regional Representatives meeting on Friday.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Submitted by Barbara Rotunda

ANNUAL PRAISE REPORT

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*These figures were compiled from reports submitted from 14 of the 24 active states. The numbers would be much higher if all states had submitted their Annual Praise Report to the National Coordinator. Praise Reports are DUE January 31st of each year.

The Primary Objective is Sharing Jesus with the lost and supporting mission outreach.
NATIONAL COM AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Awards
Art and JoAnne Thompson-Arizona
Steve and Eugenia Grant-South Carolina
Larry and Susan Brown-Tennessee
David and Ann Mahon-Tennessee
Cheri Ellis Hartman-Tennessee
Robert and Connie Laubscher-Indiana
Henry and Carolyn Phillips-Indiana
Jim and Catherine Freeland-Indiana

Camper Of The Year Award
Butch and Marsha Powell- North Carolina
John and Ann McManus-South Carolina

Congratulations to you! Praise The Lord for your servants heart and serving in Campers on Mission!!!

YOUR ARE THE STARS!

Holy Spirit Empowers and assigns members tasks in pursuit of primary objective

THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!

STATE CHAPTER NEWS

South Carolina
The South Carolina Chapter was represented at the National Rally in Springfield, Missouri with seven couples and four children. The rally gave us time for instruction, spiritual refreshment, laughter, and music for anyone. Two South Carolina couples were recognized at the awards presentation. Steve and Eugenia Grant-Lifetime Achievement Award and John and Ann McManus-Camper of the Year Award.

Five couples made the journey to Camp Paron in Paron, Arkansas after the rally. The camp directors, John and Sherrie Hoogendoom, contacted one of our members who had worked at Glorietta with them. On site was a shelter that had been enclosed, electrical needed to be finished, insulation installed, dry wall hung and finished, plumbing inspected, and HVAC installed. The couples tackled the projects in the hot, humid Arkansas weather. By the end of the second week HVAC was installed, insulation and dry wall hung and most of it with at least one coat of mud plumbing inspected, and electrical completed. There was some goodfellowship, good food, lots of laughter, and blessings each day with devotions. The community welcomed the group and invited us to participate with their activities. Contact John or Sherrie Hoogendoom if you would like to volunteer at Camp Paron. Email: shoogenfoom@absc.org Phone: 501-690-9353
They will welcome volunteers

Pine Hill Baptist Retreat has volunteers involved with their summer program. John and Ann McManus are full time volunteers at Pine Hill. Others are there to lend their support for the summer childrens program.
STATE CHAPTER NEWS
Kentucky
The Kentucky Chapter of Campers on Mission began its year with our Spring Rally consisting of a business meeting and auction. After this, we were off and running for the year. Our first project was at Bethel Bible Village at Hixson, Tennessee. We had 21 members who helped remove a metal awning from their Thrift Store, remove carpet, painting and building a roof. We left 19 quilows for the residents and 9 full size quilts for the leaders.

Our next month, we traveled to Highland Lakes Baptist Camp in Martinsville, Indiana. We assisted this camp in getting ready for their camping season, with building a fence, building a climbing wall, building and repairing walls and painting. We also made 15 quillows.

In June, we worked at Hall Street Baptist Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. We helped in the renovation of the church.

In July, we changed out sanctuary lights at Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Cadiz, Kentucky. Then enjoyed some time off with a retreat at Kentucky Dam Village Campground with fellowship and good eating.

We look forward to our remaining projects this year. The way in Cadiz, Kentucky and finally back to Bethel Bible Village at Hixson, Tennessee.

Here is where your chapter news could be! Campers are encouraged to see what others are doing in their chapter. Newsletter is published January, April, July, and October. To meet this schedule your news should be to National Coordinator by mid March, June, September and December. Next deadline is mid September. Communication is the life line of Campers on Mission. Send your news in and let’s fill up these pages with great stories of your state and members.

From Your Interim National Coordinator
The last weeks since the National Rally, it has been a whirlwind. Many areas to cover, and so much to learn and do. Some things are easier than others, such as the Newsletter. The Lord is guiding us through, step by step with the computer and putting a newsletter together. Sorry it is a little late. If I told you how long it took to get to this point you would laugh. God is good!

Things are being accomplished every day, in doing the responsibilities of Interim. Such as:
- Weekly emails to all chapters, updated and current.
- Publishing Quarterly Newsletters
- Contact/per phone with Presidents, Regional Representatives
- Clean/Current Leadership Contact List of current Presidents and other leadership
- Answering all emails, contacts from website and regular correspondence within 48 hours.
- Assisting campers in locating projects
- Updates/Information on website that is not current, having webmaster remove or change it where it is current and more user friendly. (this is a work in progress)
- Attending/visiting as many chapters as possible starting in August.
- Search Committee in place by August 1, 2016

We will continue to do all that is needed to serve as your Interim. If you have any questions, input etc. please call or email us. Let’s keep the communication going both ways.

Appreciate the prayers, for travel, computer skills, and all this servant role requires. Thanks for being very positive and encouraging. Keep communicating and sharing the good news.

Com Manual Chapter 2-Organization
Organizational structure is limited, flexible and solely mission work and outreach oriented. Anyone may communicate with anyone as required to facilitate mission work, outreach and strengthen our organization.
Alabama really stepped up the pace with a skit that was quite entertaining and unique! Well it just made ya want to come and see what else they have instore for us all when we go to Dothan, Alabama, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds. Where we will be, “Praising Jesus in the Heart of Dixie”

Kinda got the feeling I heard this before. Hmmm.. Bud Abbot and Lou Costella let us know, we are gonna have a great time in Dothan, with them thar, Alabama Campers on Mission folks. They said come on down and we will show you a good time. Hey you even have time to go to the Southern Baptist Convention before you come to Alabama. Convention is in Phoenix, Arizona in 2017. So ya’ll come and “Praise Jesus with us in the Heart of Dixie” See You There!!!

There’s a whole lot of whiskers goin on up there. Is that what Alabama COM look like? Oh my!

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt 5:16
More Information Needed

Communications and information sharing are the building blocks of any organization. To this end, each of you are encouraged to:

1. Add nationalcoordinator@campersonmission.net to all your chapter email distribution list. It is difficult to serve as a National Coordinator without knowledge of the happenings in each chapter.

2. Each chapter should make a concentrated effort to identify each and every on-going mission need for volunteers and share it with the National Coordinator and the webmaster which is Glenn Ansley. They will be responsible for sharing those projects with volunteers looking for projects. As secondary benefit, this also advertises the ministry requesting volunteers and may generate more business for them.

3. Whenever a camper sees the COM advertising a mission need that has already been completed, share it with the National Coordinator and webmaster, Glenn Ansley. Nothing compromises credibility more than out of date data on our website.

4. Join your Regions Face Book page. A good place to show projects you are doing right now and not waiting till the newsletter comes out. You can keep up to date on the goings on through out the 6 Regions.

5. Continually monitor your chapter membership for those that deserve recognition or are in need of recognition. There are several benefits to providing recognition. It allows you to highlight and share exemplary behavioral patterns. It allows you to thank those that provided exemplary examples. It helps those that are feeling overwhelmed with life’s task to know their work was really appreciated. And it encourages newer campers to work harder. Please make sure that each year your chapter nominates it’s worthy candidates.

The Gospel on Wheels

Written by: Nancy E. Lagree

In December 2010 Nance wrote this in honor of Missouri COM working at Laclede Baptist Camp

They are Campers on Mission
And they go with a smile,
Wherever GOD leads them,
Mile after mile.

Carpentry, quilting, crafts and more,
Roofing, framing, fixing a floor,
Painting, plumbing, electrical, too
Ah, but this is not all they do

They sing and they worship,
They laugh and they pray,
Gathering morning and evening,
To hear what GOD has to say.

With hearts full of JESUS,
His light in their eyes,
It’s the Gospel on Wheels
That’s what they show,
The hands and feet of Christ
To all the places they go

Cause they’re Campers on Mission
And they go with a smile
Wherever GOD leads them,
Mile after mile!

THAT SUMS IT UP, WHAT WE DO AS CAMPERS ON MISSION SERVING “AS WE GO”

PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Rotunda/Family* Search Committee
COM Members with Health Issues
COM Members Working Projects
Chapter/Leadership* Our Nations Leaders
Regional Representatives (Regions 1-6)
2017 National Rally/Dothan Alabama
Host for 2019 National Rally
Missionaries World Wide

For I know the plans I have for you, “declares The Lord”, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, Plans to give you hope and a future Jeremiah 29:11