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NAARVA – Central Region

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Montana Nebraska North Dakota Ohio South Dakota Wisconsin Wyoming



From Your Director's Corner

Hello Central Region!!!

This edition of the NAARVA Central Region Newsletter is dedicated to our 2024 Central Region Election and June Rally.

Yes, it's that time again. All Central Region Executive Board positions are open. The job descriptions for the positions below, and the election application form are contained in this document.

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary

Our Executive Board has worked hard to plan the 2024 NAARVA – Central Region Rally in Sparta, IL, at the **WORLD SHOOTING AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX**, 1 Event Center Lane, Sparta, IL 62286, June 16-23, 2024.

Change in Veteran's Acknowledgement: AT-TEN-HUT! FALL IN!

The format for this year's Veteran Acknowledgement is different from previous years. Please make sure to email a photo in pdf or jpeg format in your military uniform, with your name, to Lou Summers at (golfduo1@msn.com). Don't miss this special acknowledgement planned for our former and current Veterans of all six US Military Services.

Remember, everything we do in Central Region is for **"YOU."** We look forward to seeing you in June and don't forget to vote.

Sylvia Allen

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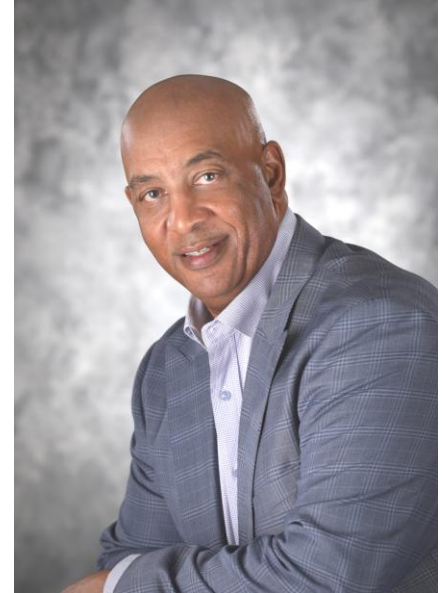


Greetings From Assistant Director

Hello NAARVA Central Region!!

Greetings from Chuck Byrd Assistant Director for Central Region, I am excited about the upcoming Rally in Sparta Illinois.

The board has been working very hard to assure that everyone in attendance, young and old will have a memorable experience. Part of my responsibilities are vendors and activities. We are excited to host a day camp for the kiddos for 3 day's that would consist of arts and crafts, as well as a fishing derby.



We are also excited about our entertainment: for Friday night, national recording jazz artist Julian Vaughn, and on Saturday night, closing out the rally we will be entertained by the Delfonics with their *"Can You Remember Tour"*.

This is sure to be a trip back down memory lane, **"Note"** this entertainment is exclusively for Central Region rally attendees. There are other activities such as, seminars that have been strategically selected to cover issues that RV members have expressed concerns with.

I encourage you to make plans on attending this rally, it will be one for the records

Thank you in advance for your support

Chuck

Chuck B. Byrd
Assistant Director for Central Region



**World Shooting & Recreational Complex
1 Event Center Lane, Sparta, IL
June 16-23, 2024.**



Schorr Lake Vineyards



**1032 S. Library Street,
Waterloo, IL 62298**

Take an air-conditioned private 31 passenger, chartered bus to a picturesque winery located 30 minutes away from Sparta. Attendees will visit the vineyard on site and participate in a wine tasting. Attendees will also receive a souvenir wine glass! This event will take place on Monday June 17th from 12:45 to 3:00 PM.

Central Region Rally & Events

Your Executive Board has worked hard to plan the 2024 NAARVA – Central Region Rally in Sparta, IL, at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex, 1 Event Center Lane, Sparta, IL 62286, June 16-23, 2024.

When you get your Rally packet, you will see that there is an exciting week currently planned that includes national jazz artist Julian Vaughan on Friday and the fabulous Delfonics on Saturday. This is in addition to our core and additional optional activities, some of which are shown on this page. A large turnout is expected. so register as early as possible. You will enjoy the activities planned, re-connecting with friends, and meeting new ones, while we all go **“SHOOTING FOR THE STARS”**.

Other Planned Events:

Auction: Saturday June 22nd from 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Bean Bag Baseball and Corn Hole

Tournament: Thursday, June 20th, Final Competition

Cake Walk and Ice Cream Social: Friday, June 21.

Card Bingo: Tuesday Night, June 18th

Veteran's Acknowledgement: June 19th from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Youth Activities: June 19th, 20th. & 21st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Louis Gateway Arch Monument Tour



**11 N 4th St
St. Louis, MO 63102**

Leave Sparta on Tuesday, June 18th at 8:00 AM and arrive in St. Louis at the famous “Gateway Arch” at approximately 9:30 AM. Returning you will leave the Arch at 1:30 PM, arriving back in Sparta around 3:00 PM. Tour includes a Tram ride to the top of the Arch, viewing of a special documentary regarding the Arch, and a 1 hour narrated boat cruise down the Mississippi River. A box lunch is provided while on the cruise.

Ladies Event: Celebrate Juneteeth With Class And Style



Ladies, let's recognize and celebrate “us” and Juneteenth at the Ladies Luncheon. Represent the occasion by wearing red, green, and black or your favorite African heritage attire. Come enjoy a delicious lunch as we nourish our souls and our bodies. The event will be held on Friday, June 21st from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Men's Event



Back outdoors with music, a cold brew, good food and good fellowship. The Men's Event should be fun-filled and relaxing so put this one on the top of your list to attend. Come on out and share your tales from the road. This event is scheduled for Friday, June 21st from 11:30 AM. to 1:00 PM. at the Sparta Pavilion (Outdoor Pavilion area within the campground).

Central Region Rally - Entertainers

Julian Vaughn

A dynamic lead bass player from Kansas City, bassist Julian Vaughn has made an international name for himself since 2010 as a bassist in the smooth jazz which is dominated by artists who normally play sax. Although the bass is often associated with funk, Vaughn likes to play with more of a finesse style as well as some funk.

Julian Vaughn has toured all over the U.S. playing at some of the largest jazz festivals and abroad in places like Dubai, Nairobi, Italy, Spain and Germany.



Delfonics

The Delfonics came on the Pop / Rock scene with the appearance of the album *'Sound of Sexy Soul'* published on November 30, 1968. The song *'Ready or Not Here I Come'* immediately became a success and made The Delfonics one of the newest emerging talents at that moment. Later on, The Delfonics published the hugely beloved album *'Greatest Hits and More'* which contains some of the most beloved songs from the Delfonics collection. *'Greatest Hits and More'* includes the single *'La-La Means I Love You'* which has made itself the most requested for fans to enjoy during the live events. In addition to *'La-La Means I Love You'*, many of other songs from *'Greatest Hits and More'* have also become well-known as a result.

The Delfonics recently unveiled a concert schedule stopping by select cities in North America. This will help cement their position as one of the most popular Pop / Rock live performers.



Central Region Rally - Locales

Sparta, Illinois



Like many Southern Illinois towns, Sparta was built on the backs of the railroad and coal mines, and on that foundation the town has carved a unique history complete with comic book, Civil War, and Hollywood heroes. The town was originally named Columbus, but that name created confusion with Columbia, a neighboring town. So a group of citizens got together to rename the town Sparta after the ancient Greek city.

World Color Press

In 1948, some new but familiar heroes came to town when World Color Press built the Spartan Printing Company to produce comic books. The factory produced DC and Marvel comics, including Superman and Spider-Man, for more than 40 years.

The Underground Railroad

The Missouri-Illinois and Illinois Southern railroads operated in Sparta, but another less tangible railroad was conducted out of the Burlingame House, just east of Sparta in the community of Eden. The house was torn down in 2012, but the local folklore about the two-story brick house remains.

'In the Heat of the Night'

Sparta hit the big screen in 1967 when Hollywood came to town to film the movie "In the Heat of the Night." The film won five academy awards, including Best Picture, and portrayed an African-American detective who solves a murder in the small town of Sparta, Mississippi, while passing through town on his way back to Philadelphia.

World Shooting & Recreational Complex



The **World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC)** is a 1,600-acre area located in scenic Southern Illinois near the city of Sparta, the WSRC is near three airports and less than 50 miles from three metropolitan areas including St. Louis, MO. Visitors to the complex will have access to a variety of amenities from quaint local restaurants and shops to the bustling activities of the St. Louis area.

WSRC is a premier destination for recreational vehicle enthusiasts. The Complex offers scenic camping areas as well as standard sites with electric, water and sewer.

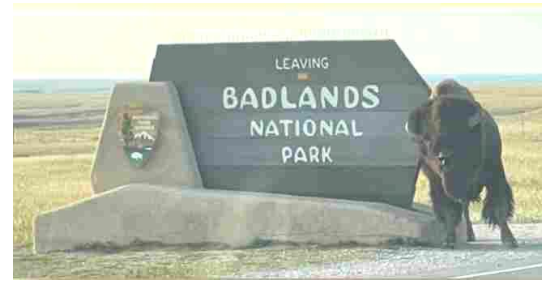
- All campsites have 50 amp service
- North Loop has 169 Premium Sites
- South Loop has 171 Premium Sites
- Indigo has 50 Premium Gravel Sites
- Massasauqa has 300 Premium Gravel Sites
- Coneflower has 64 Premium Gravel Sites
- Ash Campground has 40 Standard Sites
- Hickory Campground has 80 Standard Sites
- White Oak Campground has 127 Standard Sites
- Public Shower Building with 20 private stalls (4 accessible)

The World Shooting and Recreational Complex offers a range of experiences for families, couples, friends, and solo visitors. It is a must-visit destination for anyone who loves outdoor activities such as shooting, hiking, fishing, and camping.

Lou and Diane Summers Have Now Visited All 50 States



Over the past 15 years, we traveled 71,906 miles in our motor coach to all of the lower 48 states, either by ourselves, with our two sons, or with friends. Sometimes we joined other RVers at national or regional rallies or conventions.



We've visited many national parks and seashores and especially enjoyed seeing family and friends. Countless times we saw things that you just don't see from the seat of an airplane, like the bison above.

Since we didn't have a pontoon option, we cruised to Alaska and "Hawai'i", where we continued to immerse ourselves in nature and history.



LIVING
OUR
DREAM!



We'd taken an oath to protect and serve our beautiful country. This exploration helped us see first-hand the variety in this land. It was fitting, that Massachusetts was our last state to visit, where much of American history began.



While there, we camped on Cape Cod, took the ferry to Martha's Vineyard and rode bikes around the island. We were richly blessed, with the perfect "sunset" to our journey.

We RV'ed in 5 Canadian provinces.



These two pictures are from Vancouver and Ontario.



**Current
Regional Officers:**

**Sylvia Allen
Director**

**Chuck Byrd
Assistant Director
Vendor Liaison**

**Saundra Powell
Secretary**

**Wanda Gibson
Assistant Secretary**

**Pat Brady
Treasurer**

**Joellen Davis
Financial Secretary
Member-at-Large Liaison**

2024 Central Region Elections

To: NAARVA Central Region Members

From: Central Region Nomination Committee

Date: January 29, 2024

Re: 2024-2026 Central Region Election of Officers

It is time for the election of Central Region officers. If you are interested in running for an office, please complete the nomination form and E-mail it along with a brief biography to the nomination committee.

The Nomination Form and the biography should be sent by March 1, 2024 to denisebattle8@gmail.com

The following officer positions are available for nomination:

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary

It is anticipated that ballots will be sent out to the members by April 1, 2024. The ballots are to be returned to the Nomination/Election team by May 10, 2024.

Denise Battle

Central Region Elected Officers

Duties and Responsibilities

A. DIRECTOR

The Director shall: Preside at all NAARVA – Central Region Executive Board meetings; preside at the NAARVA – Central Region Camp Rally meeting; appoint all persons and committees for the NAARVA – Central Region; approve all vouchers associated with NAARVA – Central Region expenditures; review monthly all financial records of the NAARVA – Central Region; and carry out the duties usually performed by the Office of the Director. He/she shall not hold membership in the same chapter as the Assistant Director, nor be the spouse of another NAARVA – Central Region Elected Officer.

B. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Assistant Director shall: Assume the Office of the NAARVA – Central Region Director in the event of death, resignation, or removal from office; preside at all NAARVA – Central Region meetings in the absence, inability to perform duties, or incapacity of the Director; serve as the chairperson of the Constitution and Bylaws committee; and serve on the NAARVA – Central Region Membership committee, reporting quarterly the results of the Membership committee to the NAARVA – Central Region Executive Board. He/she shall not hold membership in the same chapter as the Director, nor be the spouse of another NAARVA – Central Region Elected Officer.

C. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall: Keep a list of all members of the NAARVA – Central Region Executive Board; keep an updated list of current members of the NAARVA – Central Region; keep in permanent form a complete and accurate record of all organizational meetings at the NAARVA – Central Region level; prepare and distribute minutes of the NAARVA – Central Region meetings to the NAARVA – Central Region Executive Board and Chapter Presidents within 30 days; prepare and read the minutes to the membership at the NAARVA – Central Region Camp Rally meeting; distribute pertinent information on a timely basis to the Chapter Presidents when requested; and carry on any other administrative tasks requested by the Director. He/she shall not be the spouse of another NAARVA – Central Region Elected Officer.

D. ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Assistant Secretary shall cover the Secretary duties in his/her absence. He/she is responsible for updating and sending all NAARVA - Central Region Constant Contact Communications. He/she is responsible for sending out condolence cards to members and carry on any other administrative tasks requested by the Director. He/she shall not be the spouse of another NAARVA - Central Region Elected Officer.

E. FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall: receive and record all funds due to the Region from all sources; deposit all funds within 48 business hours of receipt in the designated regional bank; send a receipt of all deposits to the NAARVA – Central Region Treasurer within 48 hours; review the financial records of the NAARVA – Central Region on a monthly basis; receive vouchers from the NAARVA – Central Region Director for the payment of bills, record same and forward copies of the vouchers for payment to the NAARVA – Central Region Treasurer; and prepare, copy, and present financial reports to the membership at the NAARVA – Central Region Camp Rally meeting. He/she shall be bonded to the organization, by a reputable surety company, for the faithful performance of his/her duties. He/she shall not be the spouse of another NAARVA – Central Region Elected Officer.

F. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall: Disburse funds by check and only upon approval and signature of the Director; keep accurate and correct account of all money received and disbursed and report data to the NAARVA – Central Region Executive Board at least semi-annually; keep accurate account of all disbursements, corresponding dates, amounts and purposes; review the financial records of the NAARVA – Central Region and distribute monthly an updated Xcel spreadsheet to the Financial Secretary; create and maintain the budget for the NAARVA – Central Region, and provide a quarterly status report to the NAARVA – Central Region Executive Board; and prepare, copy and present financial reports to the membership at the NAARVA – Central Region Camp Rally meeting. If requested, present for examination the financial books, papers, etc., that are necessary for the proper auditing of all accounts. He/she shall be bonded to the organization by a reputable surety company, for the faithful performance of his/her duties. He/she shall not be the spouse of another NAARVA – Central Region Elected Officer.

Nomination Form for Central Region Office for 2024 - 2026

Please include your demographic information below along with the biographical data submitted.

NAME _____ NAARVA #94- _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

LOCAL CHAPTER OR CLUB _____

POSITION DESIRED _____

Please refer to the Central Region officers' duties and responsibilities.

Please attach your biographical/qualifications data to this page.

Guidelines for filing a Nomination Form for an Office in NAARVA - Central Region

A member desiring to be elected to an office in NAARVA-Central Region may place his/her name in nomination, or, may have his/her name placed in nomination by another active NAARVA-Central Region member who is in good standing.

In order to be considered a candidate for an office in NAARVA-Central Region, the applicant must adhere to the following:

- a. Be an active member of NAARVA, in good standing.
- b. Be a current member in good standing in a chapter in the Central Region.
- c. Be a NAARVA member for at least one (1) year.

- d. Be present at the NAARVA Central Region Camp Rally at the time of the election and swearing-in ceremony.
- e. Submit a brief biography and a summary of your qualifications for the office you are seeking. The biography and summary of your qualifications should be a maximum of one typed page.
- f. All information should be completed and received no later than March 1, 2024.

Submit to:

Mrs. Denise Battle at:
denisebattle8@gmail.com

Enjoy Winter

(Even If You Hate It!!!)

Cook Up
Hit the Stores
Keep Active
Go Hiking
Build a Fire
Start Baking
Play some Board Games
Plan Your Next Get-
Together

Let in Air and Light
Get Something
Growing
Rearrange Your
Furniture
Purge the Pantry
Do Some Spring
Cleaning



Accept When Things
Are Out Of Your
Control
Stay Flexible with
Your Schedule
Let Go of Mistakes
Remember to Play

From The Editor

Hello everyone!!! You now have in hand our eighth issue of the Central Region View. Thanks to everyone for the articles, pictures, and thoughts for the newsletter.

Happy New Year! Enjoy this first quarter of 2024. I wish you good luck, happiness, success in all your endeavors, and safe travels.

James Gregory

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