




**MID AMERICA NEWSLETTER**


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*“What is our message? The message is that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, loose the desire to use, and find a new way to live.”*  
*Pg. 65, 5th edition, Basic Text*

*Note: the opinions and views shared in this publication do not necessarily reflect those of The M.A.N. staff, or NA as a whole.*  
*Thank you, The Staff*

**The Mojo of Recovery**

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Picture a 52 year old English hippie type writing this. People tell me I look like a psychiatrist (ha!). I think I look a bit like Joe Cocker.

While using, I developed my couch potato skills to world championship levels. In the recent video smash “Austin Powers – The Spy Who Shagged Me” the retro James Bond wannabe (Mike Myers) battles his nemesis, Dr. Evil, for the return of his mojo. Without his mojo, that intuitive sense of personal empowerment, Austin was powerless over his struggle with Dr. Evil as Evil stomped forward towards total global domination.

Being a whimsical old fart, I got to

pondering – where did my mojo go? It served me well for a number of years in my constant craving for booze and dope. I think I even pulled a few birds along the way. Shagadelic, baby!

Today, once again in early recovery, I’m wondering what is my mojo of recovery? Where will I find it?

Being a bloke, I need to have items of personal empowerment with me. My car keys, my billfold containing powerful self-defining bytes of information. Driver’s license, cash card, gas card, a little cash. Clothes come in handy too, I find, as I try to get through each day. Mojo clothes – sandals, plain t-shirts and jeans, unfettered by advertising. I always figured that if Nike wants me to be a walking billboard for their products, they should pay me \$5,000,000 a year. That check should arrive any day now.

While in the pain of addiction, one of my major character defects has been credit card abuse. I seem to fall into this infantile belief that with 8 or 10 credit cards at my command, everything will be given unto me for free forever. In my case that meant armloads of CD’s from Borders, expensive car repairs, flashy new threads and most chillingly tons of lolly spent on the acquisition of prescrip-

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tion narcotics. I used to plan my sorties like a military campaign, the goal always being that magic piece of paper – the Doctor’s prescription. Shagadelic? I don’t think so.

As I write this, my trusty canvas shoulder bag flops on a nearby chair. Major mojo item here. I acquired this baby for \$5.00 from an Army Surplus store in Berkley, CA back in 1975. Couple years later, me an’ me bird, Cheryl undertook a long, long quest to find the holy grail of dope. In our case that was a great hippy beach in Goa, India. Back in the day, this nude beach was like paradise. A 30 km beach, untouched by modernity. Warm waves rolling in, coconuts falling from the palms, etc. Over a three-month period I got more and more ripped on the local weed with opium-solution chasers. I had achieved a state of total, unfettered coolness. Shagadelic, baby! Paradise Lost, more like.

After an OD, I was stretchered to an Indian nuthatch in the then Goan capital, Panjim. I started to come to in an 18<sup>th</sup> century Portugese Fort – 20 foot stone walls, bars on windows, cells. Hindu loonies were real weird. Almost lost me mojo, groovies.

In the last twelve months, I’ve had a serious relapse problem with my drug of choice. Hospitalizations, treatments. I just became an Alumnus of Valley Hope. I’ve never been an alum of anything before! Just got my phone bill – a month’s long distance from Atchison to Lawrence using my phone card will cost me \$450. Oops! I have made a commitment to the missus to pay. Boy is she pissed! But that \$450 I regard as a great investment. I made the vital calls that found me a great sponsor, John S., and new road buddy, Kirk. I made the vital calls that found me a bed in the Lawrence Oxford House. If I

don’t pay the rent by midnight Doug and the guys will kick my bottoms out into the street. Now that’s really simple! Words, for once, fail me. Spoonerism of early recovery – I may have a little drain bammage!

Attended a brilliant NA meeting last night at the clubhouse on East 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Found the mojo of recovery for the day right there in the loving power of the fellowship. I made a commitment to meet a fellow addict at the 12 nooner today. With God’s help I might keep the mojo of recovery goin’, groovies!

Now that’s shagadelic!

*With love and respect,  
Harry G.  
Lawrence NA*

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*This is an interesting take on our Fellowship. More truth than fiction?  
KB*

Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship designed and administered by bunch of X-doper’s whose only qualification for membership is that they can’t control their usage and do want to learn how.

It has no rules, dues ,or fees; nothing that any substantial organizations seems to require.

At meetings, the speaker starts on one subject and winds up talking about something entirely different and concludes by saying that he doesn’t know anything about the program except that it works.

The groups are always broke, but to always seem to have money to carry on. Their always losing members but seem to grow. They claim and NA is a selfish program but always seems to be doing something for others.

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### *RCM’s for the Mid America Region May 2001*

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#### **Officers for the Mid America Region Nov. 2000 - Feb. 2000**

**Chair:** *Tim S.* 785-227-4241  
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**Secretary:** *Open Position*

*Bob K. filled in as secretary for the May RSC. Thank you very much Bob. Had no one stepped forward to fill the*

*position, we would not have been able to conduct business. (See Roberts Rules of Order.) Bob made it clear that this was a one time shot and that we need a full time secretary. Please consider applying for this position. You are needed if the RSC is going to continue to conduct business!*

*Thanks,  
KB*

#### NEXT RSC

4-H BLDG Woodside & Hickory  
Streets, McPherson, KS

SATURDAY AUG 18, 2001

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

(UP) H&I  
(DOWN) LITERATURE

11:00 AM - 1:00 AM

(UP) CONVENTION  
(DOWN) CAMPOUT

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

(UP) ACTIVITIES  
(DOWN) PI

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

(UP) STEERING  
(DOWN) OUTREACH

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SPEAKER MTG.

8:00 PM - 12:00 PM

DJ DANCE - AUCTION - RAFFLE  
FUNDRAISER FOR SOUL TO SOUL

\$3 Per Person - No Addict Turned  
Away

SUNDAY AUG 19, 2001

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR,  
SECRETARY & TREASURER  
RCM’ S, ALT RCM’ S  
SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS &  
CO-CHAIRS  
MOTIONS & REQUESTS

9:00 AM UNTIL DONE

REGIONAL SERVICE COM-  
MITTEE MEETS CHAIR/  
CO-CHAIRS MOTIONS &  
REQUESTS

**The M.A.N.  
2/20/2001**

Hello Family,

Once again, thank you for your contribution and support of this newsletter. The success of the publication is yours, not mine. I continue to receive compliments and encouragement and these belong to you.

This will be my last issue unless no one steps forward to continue the work, in which case I will continue as long as the Fellowship wants me to or someone else expresses a desire to do the job. I currently know of one individual who has expressed interest in becoming the editor and I hope that she does step forward. I know that she would do a wonderful job and is eminently qualified. If she does step forward I hope that you will show her the support and consideration that you have shown me. This support is what has made this job doable.

I/we handled the distribution of the newsletter and meeting lists a little differently than we have in the past. The newsletter was included in the registration packets for the convention and surplus were distributed along with the meeting lists to the RCM's at the convention. This accomplished three things. First of all, it got The M.A.N. to you earlier than it otherwise would have. Secondly, it got the newsletter to individuals who wouldn't otherwise have gotten it. (Those individuals from out of state.) Thirdly and by no means least importantly, it saved us mailing costs. We hope that you found this method of distribution satisfactory. Feedback will be welcome.

I have our printer produce 250 more copies of The M.A.N. than we normally

get. This was to accommodate the convention and additional people who received it (the newsletter). As a result our printing costs were higher than normal. The following is a financial breakdown for the last issue.

Description	Quantity	Unit price	Total
Newsletter	1000	\$0.32	\$320.00

**Mailing costs: None**

I have been getting great material and encourage The Fellowship to continue sending me this "stuff". This is **your** newsletter and the credit for its quality (or lack there of) lies with you. Remember, this is not English 101. You don't have to create the perfect article to share your Experience, Strength and Hope. We all have stories that are worth telling. All you need to do is be honest, a Spiritual Principal that we should all be working on. I can be reached at the following addresses:

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The following table is an accounting for the yearly budget ending at the close of business on Sunday at the May 2001 RSC. I will be including this in my future reports.

**4th Q. Feb, 01**

Starting Balance	\$ 632.45
Spent	\$ 320.00
Ending Balance	<b>\$ 312.14</b>
<b>Projected expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>
<b>Actual expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,087.55</b>
Budget surplus	\$ 312.45

In Loving Service,  
Kirk B.  
The M.A.N. Publisher

Each group passes laws, rules, edicts and pronouncements which everyone ignores. Members who disagree with anything are privileged to walk out in a huff quitting forever, only to return as nothing happened and be greeted accordingly.

Nothing is planned 24 hours ahead, yet great projects are born and survive magnificently. nothing in NA is according to Hoyle. how can it survive?

Perhaps it is because we learned to live and laugh at ourselves. God made man, he made laughter too. Perhaps he is pleased with a disorganized effort and makes things around right no matter who pushes the wrong buttons. Maybe he is pleased, not with perfect, but because we're trying to be nobody but ourselves. We don't know how it works but it does and members keep receiving their dividend checks from their NA investment.

*Mike D.*

***Can we survive?***

I don't know what words to use to express what I'm feeling right now. I've just gotten back from a 12-step call, and I'm very ashamed, very embarrassed.

We talked to a couple of new-comers who were so completely discouraged with N.A. that they doubted if they would go back. They said that they had been going to meetings for a couple of weeks now. They talked about concepts they had heard in meetings; the new-comer is the most important person at any meeting, we can only keep what we have by giving it away, giving back what was so freely given to us, ect... They talked about how they would introduce themselves as new-comers and how that after the meetings they couldn't get any-

one to talk to then. At times they would approach people (who were talking to others) and no one would ever stop talking long enough for them to get a word in. They felt, and feel, undesirable, and unwanted. Was it how they dressed? Their education? Because they were poor? Why them? They've tried to call people who wrote their phone numbers down on the "white books" just to be told to call someone else, or that since they hadn't been clean long enough they couldn't help then. They left messages on answering machines that went unreturned (one of them was me).

I've been hearing similar stories for quite awhile now. I've seen how we are so anxious to talk with our friends that we might say hello to the new comers, but it's only in passing. This is not a problem in just one group, and so many members of NA. talk about how the program of today pales in comparison to the program of even 5 years ago. I do see people who try to take the time, but they are the same 5 or so people who do most of the service work in their home group, have trusted service positions or are otherwise involved.

I'm not trying to spread the blame around, I am just as guilty and I have improperly trained my sponsees for the true service work of N.A., encouraging new-comers. I know everyone is so busy these days, and some might feel that we're trying to do everything and no one will help, but if we're too busy for the new-comers how can N.A. survive? I have failed as an addict, as a member of N.A., a meeting leader, a sponsor and as a trusted servant.

What I'm asking, or challenging everyone who reads this, is to take this to

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your group, start dialogs, use this as meeting topics and get ourselves, our sponsees, and our whole area to form a better strategy. I can't tell you how bad I felt telling these hurting addicts that there is more lip-service than action. I'm sure we've all seen new-comers who might come to our groups once or twice, never to be seen again. What can I do, what can we do to make sure this doesn't happen here anymore?

Lisa D.  
Wichita, KS

*"The Twelfth Step of our personal program also says that we carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Working with others is a powerful tool. "The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel." For the newcomers, this is how they found Narcotics Anonymous and learned to stay clean. For members, this reaffirms their commitment to Recovery."*

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### CHOICES

My name is Sonya, a recovering addict who wants to say,  
Living life drug-free is the only way. As a child I fell victim to incest and rape, I found drugs as a way to escape. I just couldn't stand the way my life was beginning to sink,  
So every night I'd get high or go drink. When with life realities I just couldn't cope,  
I'd get our my needle and shoot some dope.  
Because of this I became lonely and sad, I came to believe I was thoroughly bad. Many nights I'd lay in bed alone and cry, Wishing out loud that I would just die. When my life had turned to total crap, I knew it was time to climb out or that trap.

Long ago I thought doing drugs was cool, Now I know I was only playing the fool. These days I no longer need to set off on a mission ,  
Instead, I prefer to pick up my rod and reel and just go fishin.  
Where once I thought misery was the only way,  
I can now live life happy with the help of NA.

Sonya H.  
1998

### The Darkness of the Night

As I set here alone in this darkness of the night, I wish for the freedom from addiction. The light of day can turn into such a darkness it's a scary thought that it could be that way the rest of my life. If only the real and true freedom from addiction could return into my life it could brighten my life into the light once more. If the freedom from addiction does not come back into my life again I'm afraid the darkness of day will never leave. But if it does, the beauty of light and darkness can be in my life along with the happiness of freedom from addiction, which will lighten my life up for ever more, then I will have no more fear of the darkness in the light.

Bryan H.

### Tell yourself:

**JUST FOR TODAY** my thoughts will be on my recovery, living and enjoying life without the use of drugs.  
**JUST FOR TODAY** I will have faith in someone in N.A. who believes in me and wants to help me in my recovery.  
**JUST FOR TODAY** I will have a program. I will try to follow it to the best of my ability.  
**JUST FOR TODAY** through N.A. I will try to get a better perspective on my life.  
**JUST FOR TODAY** I will be unafraid, my thoughts will be on my new associations, people who are not using and who have found a new way of life. So long as I follow that way, I have nothing to fear.

<http://www.anglefire.com/ia/nararoundup/index.html>

## 12<sup>th</sup> annual NA Round Up

October 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2001



All 3 days at **New Hope of the Plains Building**

613 W. Cedar (Old Lincoln School 6th Avenue Dead Ends)

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM: \$10.<sup>00</sup>**

**Saturday Meal is included.**

A free Canvas Tote Bag is Included in your registration.

Dead line I September 1<sup>st</sup> 2001. After the deadline Is \$12.00

Tickets are available for Sunday Breakfast.

NAME: _____ x \$10/Person _____ =\$ _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
T-SHIRTS for \$13. <sup>00</sup> <b>Sizes Available; XXXL, XXL, XL, Large and Medium</b> (available with and without pocket.) <b>This years Coffee mug is only \$5.<sup>00</sup></b> <b>Last Years Large Round Up Coffee Mugs \$7.<sup>00</sup></b> <b>No Addict turned away!! Newcomers are always welcome!</b> <b>VENDORS NEED NOT APPLY.</b> Auctions and Raffles items needed so bring your weird stuff.

Make Checks Payable to:  
**THE DODGE CITY NAROUNDUP**  
c/o. Bill B.  
903 5th Avenue  
DODGE CITY, KS 67801



W.A.S.C.  
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

# IN-TENTS RECOVERY CAMPOUT



July 13 - 15, 2001  
Ford County Lake  
Dodge City, Kansas

This is a pre-flyer  
More will be revealed



*I'm not sure where I got these two, probably over the web. I think that they are "cute" and so I am sharing them with you.*

KB

**Subject:** Difference Between Your Sponsor And Your Therapist.

1. Your sponsor isn't all that interested in the "reasons" you used.

2. Your therapist thinks your root problem is your lack of self-esteem, negative self-image, and your poor self-concept. Your sponsor thinks your problem is a 3-letter word with no hyphens (YOU).

3. Your therapist wants you to pamper your "inner child." Your sponsor thinks it ought to get a job.

4. Your sponsor thinks your inventory should be about you, not your parents.

5. Speaking of your parents, your sponsor tells you not to confront them, but to make amends to them.

6. The only time your sponsor uses the word "closure" is before the word "mouth."

7. Your sponsor thinks "boundaries" are things you need to take down not build up.

8. Your therapist wants you to love yourself first; your sponsor wants you to love others first.

9. Your therapist prescribes care-taking and medication. Your sponsor prescribes prayer making and meditation.

10. Your sponsor thinks "anger management skills" are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

11. Now that you haven't had to use in six months, your therapist thinks you should make a list of your goals and objectives for the next five years, starting with finishing up that college degree. Your sponsor thinks you should start today by cleaning the coffeepots, help-

ing him carry a heavy box of literature to the jail, and making your bed.

12. Your sponsor won't lose his license to practice if he talks about God.

**Subject:** 10 Addicts

10. Addicts, all in a line  
One got to thinking—  
Then there were Nine.
9. Addicts, one said, "Wait!"  
"A near beer can't hurt!"  
Then there were eight.
8. Addicts, lookin' up to heaven.  
One cut out meetings—  
Then there were seven.
7. Addicts, doing service for kicks.  
One started grumbling—  
Then there were six.
6. Addicts, glad to be alive.  
'til one smoked pot—  
Then there were five.
5. Addicts, greeters at the door  
One played the Big Shot—  
Then there were four.
4. Addicts, for fun and for free.  
One's case was "different"  
Then there were three.
3. Addicts, knowing what to do.  
One rewrote the Basic Text—  
Then there were two.
2. Addicts, having some fun.  
One started lying—  
Then there was one.
1. Addict, talking to HP  
"If only one is Clean—  
I'm glad that it's me!"

*(Although this is a little irreverent, I think that it's fun. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.*

KB)

Hi you recovering party animals! Up at Atchison Valley Hope recently, a bunch of us patients put together a Saturday night disco in the lecture hall.

It was neat to see a bunch of wallflowers of all types and sizes having fun on the dance floor.

Next time there's a dance in your NA neighborhood, how about the following as a guide for party conduct.

*Love,  
Harry G.  
Lawrence NA*

### 12 Steps of Dancing

#### Step 1

We admitted we couldn't control our boogie woogie feet, and our dance urge had become unmanageable.

#### Step 2

Came to believe that a power greater than our pride could get us out on the dance floor.

#### Step 3

Made a decision to turn our dance fever and left feet over to the care of God as we understood him.

#### Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of where our hands are at during slow dances.

#### Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and the counselor on duty the exact reasons why our hands were in the wrong place.

#### Step 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove the silly notion that I have no rhythm.

#### Step 7

Humbly asked Him to remove our dance fear.

#### Step 8

Made a list of all persons whose toes we had stepped on and became willing to make amends to them all.

#### Step 9

Made direct amends to such people, whenever possible, except when to do so would injure their own toes.

#### Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory, and when we cut in on another couple's dance, promptly asked politely and said thank you.

#### Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understood him, praying tonight for knowledge of His will for us to kick it up and have fun and the power to dance every dance tonight.

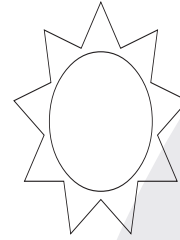
#### Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening of how fun it is to dance, we carried this message to the wallflowers and gently coaxed them out onto the dance floor.

*"From the first day, the Twelve Steps become a part of our lives. At first, we may be filled with negativity, and only allow the First Step to take hold. Later, we have less fear and can use these tools more fully and to our greater advantage. We realize that old feelings and fears are symptoms of our disease. Real freedom is now possible.*

*As we recover, we gain a new outlook on being clean. We enjoy a feeling of release and freedom from the desire to use. We find that everyone we meet eventually has something to offer. We become able to receive as well as to give. Life can become a new adventure for us. We come to know happiness, joy and freedom."*

*Pg. 88, 5th edition, Basic Text*



# JUST FOR TODAY AREA CAMPOUT

BIG HILL LAKE (MOUND VALLEY PARK)  
Near Cherryvale KS.

AUG. 10, 11, & 12TH

Fri night speaker

Sat night speaker and food

Sun morning speaker

WORKSHOPS

SAT AT 11:00 SPONSORSHOP

PAMPHLET

SAT AT 1:00 YOUTH IN RECOVERY

YOU CAN RECOVER

# CLEAN 'N' CRAZY

## GROUP OF N.A.

Presents the 3rd annual

# FALL BALL

**WHERE - FRIENDSHIP CENTER  
746 COMANCHE, SALINA, KS  
WHEN - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29th  
DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 P.M.  
SPEAKER @ 7:00 P.M.  
D.J. DANCE @ 8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT  
AUCTION, RAFFLE  
FREE COFFEE - POP FOR SALE**

**COME HAVE A BALL THIS FALL WITH  
CLEAN-N-CRAZY**



### AREA REPORTS:

#### Miracle Area Report

Howdy,

Recovery is alive and well in Douglas County with miracles happening every day.

New H&I meeting at juvenile detention center.

There are new Saturday night and Sunday noon meetings at 311 E. 9<sup>th</sup> in Lawrence.

Leavenworth, KS meeting visited our area meeting and is interested in joining Miracle Area.

We are bringing a motion about the convention to the region.

In Service,  
Jim C.

#### Wichita Metro Area Report May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Hello from the Wichita Metro Area,

Julie J., our alternate RCM resigned due to her mother passing and moving from the WMA. That position is currently vacant. I was re-elected to serve the WMA as RCM for another term. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve NA.

The campout sponsored by the Unity group last weekend was a wonderful success. Thanks to them for a great time. More activities are being formulated and will be announced when more information is available.

The Wichita Metro Area was elected to receive a scholarship for one person from our area to attend the Literature Workshop in California this summer. John S. was elected to attend. We are looking forward to hearing what he has to share when he gets back. Have a great time in California.

We are making an \$80.00 donation to the Region.

New group welcome: NE How in ICT. Elected officers and are wanting to be an active part of Wichita Metro Area.

· Updated meeting list given to John S. of the PI committee. Thanks to them.

· H&I is also active – beginning to take meetings into women’s facility in Wichita.

In Service,  
Pat B.  
RCM  
Wichita Metro Area

#### Western Area RCM report

Hello friends,

Things are going well in Western Area. We held the Whole Enchilada in Colby on May 5<sup>th</sup> and had a lot of food, fun, and fellowship.

Western Area is having their annual Intents Recovery Campout on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at Ford County Lake, East of Dodge City. Pre-flyers are on the table.

We are currently updating our Area Meeting List and they should be out soon.

We have several open positions on the Area level and are hoping for more participation.

We did elect an Alt. RCM at our last Area meeting, Micheal S. from Syracuse.

Not much else to report!

In Service,  
Gary D.

#### Unity Area RCM's Report 5/20/01

Hello everybody. Things are starting to grow in the Unity Area. People are slowly stepping up for service work. I would like to see someone take over for H&I in our Area.

Unity Area is planning a family day, more information to come at a later date. Hope everyone is doing ok.

I would like to thank the convention committee for a very nice time at M.A.R.C.N.A.. Thank you Toby for doing the Spiritual circle.

Looking forward to this summer in  
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recovery, hope it is a special one for everyone. Come join in with everyone and get recovery while having fun.

Thank you,  
RCM Unity Area  
Bryan Hatfield

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**CKA Area Report**  
**5/20/01**

Hey Regional Family,

Everyone in CKA had a great time at the convention and now that we're all rested up we're getting geared up for the campouts.

We have 2 functions coming up, both on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Russell will be having their 5<sup>th</sup> annual picnic in Memorial Park in Russell. The fun starts at 3p.m. also on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Great Bend will have their 1<sup>st</sup> activity since starting back up. The fun starts at 1pm in Brit Spaugh Park.

The Hoisington Group is in a new location at 107 Walnut. These meetings are still Monday and Thursday @ 7:30p.m. Thankfully everyone is all right after the tornado. Great Bend has had such good attendance that they have added a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3p.m.

We are planning a Area function. No clear details are available at this time. More will be revealed.

The Larnard Group is taking an H&I meeting into Sunrise the last Wednesday of the month. Our Area is praying for an H&I chair so we can resume spreading the message to those unable to come to the rooms. We have many service positions open and would welcome new faces with fresh ideas and perceptions.

Our RCM will be back next RSC; he was unable to be here today as his wife had a baby boy Wednesday morning. Congratulations to them!

Our Area has had a surplus of Regional Meeting Lists each quarter. We would like to receive 200 instead of 300 this time. We do not need any phone line cards unless there were changes. 100 copies of The M.A.N. would be sufficient for our Area.

Grateful to serve,  
Sally R. RCMII, CKA

These are our votes on the motions:

- #1 No
- #2 Yes
- #3 Yes

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**Just For Today**  
**Report to M.A.R.C.N.A.**  
**May 20, 2001**

**Patrick Poull, JFT Area RCM**

Just For Today Area continues to thrive, with at least 11 local groups. Meetings are being added by several groups, attendance improving at most existing meetings, and increasing area committee activity are indications that recovery is alive and well in East/Southeast Kansas.

JFT Area grateful for local group support that allows \$100.00 donation to M.A.R.C.N.A.

Local meetings lists updated at area-level periodically. Rod D. facilitates this vital service, maintains reports to region.

JFT Activity Committee busy planning August 10-12 area campout flyers out soon. Fundraiser June 30 in Chanute; flyers available. This committee planned and administered a M.A.R.C.N.A. fundraiser February 24 that donated \$923.00. Very good workshops by regional committee members at this event, also.

JFT Literature workshop on Sponsorship pamphlet at August campout.

JFT H&I taking meetings into Girard

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*MID-AMERICA REGIONAL CAMPOUT COMMITTEE*  
PRESENTS THE

**23rd ANNUAL 4th of JULY CAMPOUT**  
**GOING THE DISTANCE!**

WHEN: June 29th - July 1st  
WHERE: Lucas Park Group  
Camp  
Wilson Lake,  
Wilson, KS.

***FUN, FELLOWSHIP, & RELAXING***

THE WORLDS LONGEST  
CONTINUALLY  
RUNNING

**FREE CAMPOUT!**

**NO DOGS OR FIREWORKS ALLOWED!!!**

CONTACT:

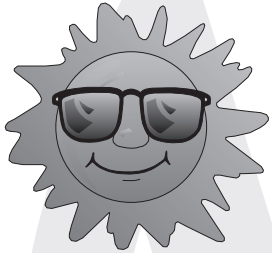
Von P. (316) 628-7925 or  
Dave R. (785) 862-2889





# NA FUN IN THE SUN!!

## FUNDRAISER FOR FREE CAMPOUT IN AUGUST



**SPEAKER AT 8:00  
VALERIE D. FROM  
SPRINGFIELD, MO**

***NOON TO MIDNIGHT  
DANCE, VOLLEYBALL,  
MONEY AND ITEM RAFFLES  
\$3.00 ALL YOU CAN EAT!  
BRING SIDE DISH  
BRING LAWN CHAIRS!  
PLEASE BRING RAFFLE ITEMS***

**ELKS LAKE, OLD HIGHWAY 169  
CHANUTE,. KS**

**JUNE 30, 2001  
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ROD 620-343-3249**

ATC. Area provided 100 "little white" pamphlets. Still having mixed results with attempts to maintain or take meetings into several different county jails.

JFT PI committee getting close to a final recommendation on Area-wide telephone line with information on all Area meetings. Has made video PSA's available to all Area meetings and will help facilitate production of specific spots with local cable TV companies. JFT Outreach committee has encouraged "Addicts on Asphalt" across area. New meeting in Altoona recently attended by representatives from several existing meetings. Young People's meeting at mission in Emporia has folded; some interest but misunderstandings with mission staff remain an obstacle.

### **Fellowship For Freedom Report**

Hi my brothers and sister of MARCNA, We would like to say thanks for all the help the Steering Committee, Regional Chair, and everyone else that was there on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have all positions filled (except for Treasurer) in the Area. We are starting a Steering committee for the area. We hope to have an inventory in the Area. We lost a group to hope to get them back to our Area.

We have a new alternate RCM, Kathy B. This is her first time as the alternate. Please make her feel welcome.

We voted on the motions that was taken back to the area.

We feel like our Area will come together through a lot of good guidance, prayer and hard work!

Our H&I is rocking & rolling.

PI is coming along and we got an Activity Committee now. The convention is going through a lot of good changes.

With that I would like to thank everyone one more time for all the help the Region gave us.

Love and Service,  
Dave R.

### **✧ Twelve Concepts for Narcotics Anonymous Service ✧**

1. To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.
2. The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.
3. The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.
4. Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.
5. For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.
6. Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.
7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.
8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.
9. All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.
10. Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.
11. NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.
12. In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government.

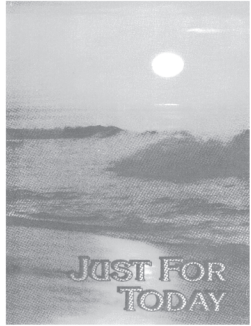
## Upcoming Regional/Area Events

### .....*We Sought Through Prayer and Meditation*.....

Start planning now to attend this year's **Soul To Soul** spiritual retreat. Come September 21, 22, and 23. An intimate group of recovering addicts will share their experience, strength, and hope at beautiful Camp Chippewa. Of course there will be the added perks of great food, fresh air, nature, and relaxation. .

For more information call: *Rod D. 620-343-3149* or  
*Carl K. 620-341-9332*

WE SOUGHT THROUGH



PRAYER AND MEDITATION



Registration is  
**\$50.00**  
for the weekend -  
includes bed & meals  
(bring bedding!)

SEND  
REGISTRATION  
TO:

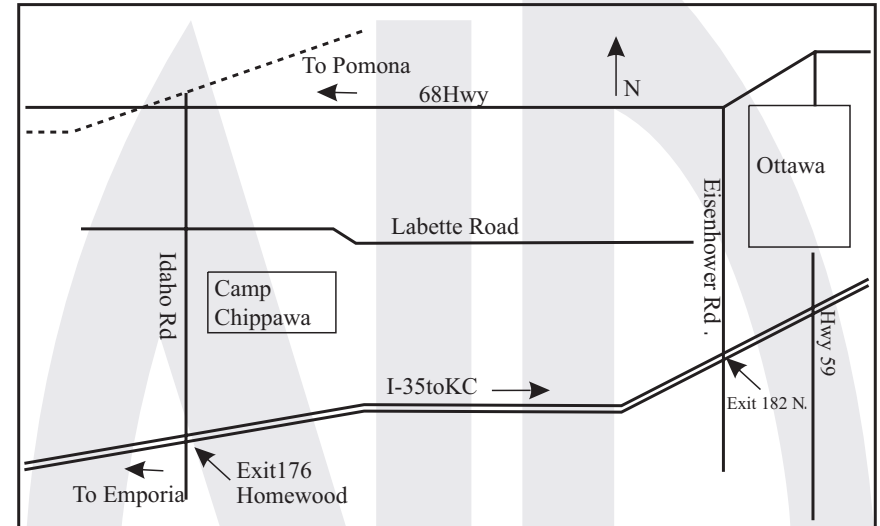
Shelly W.  
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Emporia KS  
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or

Rod D.  
417 Commercial St.  
Neosho Rapids KS  
66864

*Map and directions on next page.*

## Experience Camp Chippewa



*Camp Chippewa is just 45 minutes southwest of Kansas City, just off I-35. Located in the scenic Chippewa Hills, six miles west of Ottawa, the camp was once the homes of the Chippewa, Sac, Fox, and Munsee Indian tribes.*

*With 640 acres, the camp has the space to accommodate a variety of activities and leave undisturbed many acres of woods and meadows. Many different kinds of wildlife can also be viewed in their natural habitat.*

