

Roadside Review

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Adopt-A-Highway Program

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April Trash Bash Blooms

Missouri citizens stepped up to make Missouri a little more beautiful during the No MORE Trash! Bash 2009. The No MORE Trash! Bash is a month-long celebration that encourages people to clean up Missouri's roads and streams.

MoDOT districts held events and cleanups to spread the word about the event and encourage the public to take part. Northwest Missouri created a skit about the cost of littering and performed it for 74 schools. A surprise appearance by Peanut the Turtle taught St. Louis area children in attendance at Take Your Child to Work Day about not littering. Springfield event promoters staffed a No MORE Trash! booth at the Discovery Center, an interactive science museum.

Altogether, 111,134 bags of trash were collected throughout Missouri, 26,659 bags more than last year. Cleanup crews also found plenty of objects too large to fit into trash bag including tires, hubcaps, and a fish tank. The most commonly found items were aluminum cans and fast food bags. Ironically, the USA Freedom Corps also found a "Be Good to Mother Nature" mug.

Over 838 groups were reported to have participated and included more than 10,068 volunteers.

"We are lucky to have such a great group of volunteers come out every year," said Stacy Armstrong, MoDOT roadside management supervisor. "It's their help and dedication that keep Missouri clean and beautiful." ■

For more information about the No MORE Trash! Bash and how you can volunteer, visit www.nomoretrash.org.



ADOPTER SPOTLIGHT

George Long and First Christian Church
Adopter Committed to Cleaning Up Litter for the Long Haul

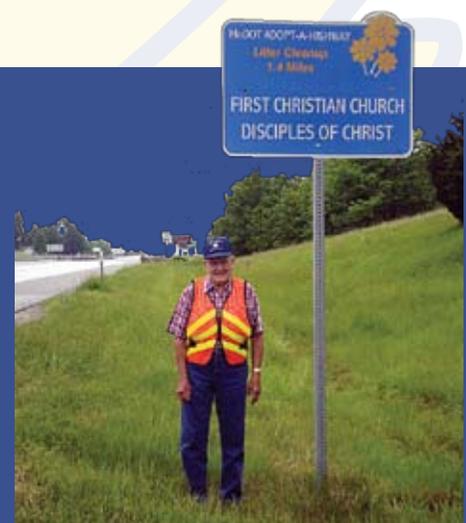
George Long retired from MoDOT more than two decades ago in 1988, but he continues to make a difference on Missouri roads with a little help from his friends and neighbors.

Long was familiar with the Adopt-A-Highway program because of his 38 years of service with MoDOT. He worked as the district geologist for the Materials Division in the department's North Central District in

Macon. In 1988, Long adopted a 1.4-mile stretch of Route 36 just west of Macon.

"I'm a firm believer in litter cleanup," Long said. "It's a way to help the environment and keep the highways safe from debris."

To help him clean his adopted section of Route 36, Long recruited the First Christian Church congregation to help



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MORE Fun than Ever at the State Fair

Many Missouri families may be looking for an inexpensive vacation a little closer to home this year. The Missouri State Fair is promising "MORE Fun Than Ever" during its 11-day run, Aug. 13-23 in Sedalia.

MoDOT continues to provide fairgoers with top-of-line atmosphere in the Highway Gardens with lush foliage, cool shade and bubbling fountains. In the shady spots you'll find plenty of places to have a snack at a picnic table or kick back and relax in one of the many Adirondack chairs scattered throughout the gardens.

The Transportation Exposition Center will be fully loaded with interactive displays on the department's programs and activities featuring games, contests and giveaways. Kids can participate in a transportation scavenger hunt and have a chance to win a brand new bike and helmet. New this year is a backstage recording studio where teens can film their own seatbelt dance video and enter to win a Flip Mino video camera, 8GB iPod Nano and gas cards.

The annual No MORE Trash! Day will be held on Friday, Aug. 14 with special activities including appearances by Buttons the Clown, trash can painting, games, cookies and more. MoDOT will stress the importance of litter prevention and keeping Missouri's roadways clean of trash and debris. Adopt-A-Highway and Sponsor-A-Highway tables will be set up for those interested in signing up.

Other fair highlights include a free circus, a farmers market, a rodeo, concerts by entertainers like Brooks & Dunn and Shinedown, a show by the group Vocal Trash and the Missouri State Fair Idol. Admission to the State Fair varies by day and time. Normal daily admission is \$8. Visit www.mostatfair.com to find out more. ■



Last year at the State Fair, kids were given the opportunity to express their creativity by decorating No MORE Trash! trash cans. After they were complete, the cans were displayed outside of the Highway Gardens Transportation Exposition Center for all to admire.



The beautiful gardens that surround the Exposition Center will be in full bloom this August. The gorgeous waterfalls and ponds are home to a number of goldfish. This is a place where families can come to unwind, relax and enjoy the scenery.

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2 beautify the area west of Macon, along Route 36.

Long is still maintaining his promise as volunteer and friend of the highway by cleaning his stretch of highway four to six times a year. In fact, Long and volunteers from First Christian Church have exceeded the number of pickups suggested by MoDOT's AAH program. In the spring, summer and fall they pick up litter every other month

and they average 10-12 bags of litter per cleanup.

Each time they schedule a trash collection Long recruits some new crew members from the church membership to help with the effort. He believes you can never have too many volunteers and he's committed to cleaning up our highways for the Long haul.



Inside the air-conditioned Exposition Center kids can enjoy a bunch of games that teach them about the importance of a clean environment. Parents can obtain information about sponsoring or adopting a local state highway for litter clean up.



The chairs and benches offer a relaxing spot for anyone to enjoy a break from the August sun. These shady spots surround the Exposition Center and can be enjoyed by everyone, young and old.



Sugary snacks can give you that extra boost of energy needed to get through the hot August days. Families can enjoy their complimentary cookies and snacks in the Highway Gardens' shaded areas.

MoDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
Litter Cleanup

5,758 MILES
4,048 ADOPTERS

SAFETY TIP

Please contact your local Adopt-A-Highway coordinator to make arrangements to get the new safety vests. You can e-mail any questions to aah@modot.mo.gov or call 888-ASK MODOT.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to beautify Missouri.



Wizard of Oz Can Wins Contest

“There’s No Place Like a Clean Home”

Two dozen Missouri elementary and middle schools helped in our state’s fight against litter by participating in the 2009 “Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter Free” Trash Can Decorating Contest. The grand prize winning can showcases scenes from the iconic movie, “The Wizard of Oz”.

Missouri elementary and middle school students from all across the state participated in a trash can decorating contest to show why keeping the environment litter-free is important to them. Each classroom of students came up with original ideas of how to decorate their cans creatively.

The grand prize winner and first place winner in their category was the School of the Osage Middle School in Osage Beach. Teacher Karen Blevins’ 6th-8th grade GATES students chose the “Wizard of Oz” as their theme to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the movie. Students personalized the design using their own photos to portray the movie characters. They reinforced the litter-prevention message with character-inspired quotes from the movie as well.

Osborn Elementary kindergarten class of Tina Beers took first place in grades K-2. They decorated their can with 3-D images of plants and wildlife and used the slogan “Recycling Saves the World”. St. Francis Xavier of Taos, fourth and fifth grade class of Vivian Carwile took first place in grades 3-5 with a can that was decorated with

paintings of the trees of every season and the slogan “No Season – No Reason to Litter”.

The winners of the contest were announced and presented with prizes. The grand prize was \$500 and a trophy, and each first place winner received \$100 for their school. The Missouri departments of Conservation and Transportation sponsor the contest to raise awareness about Missouri’s litter problem and to discourage littering.

“The contest is a great way for kids to learn about how litter harms our environment and to get involved in litter prevention and cleanup,” explained Joe Jerek, Missouri Department of Conservation. “Litter poses health risks. It harms the environment. And it costs time and money to clean up.” ■

For more information, go to www.nomoretrash.org.



Grades K-2 First Place:
Osborn Elementary School
in Osborn

Teacher Tina Beers and her 15 kindergarten students used the slogan, “Recycling Saves the World.”



Grades 3-5 First Place: St.
Francis Xavier in Jefferson
City

Teacher Vivian Carwile and her 15 fourth and fifth graders used the slogan “No Season – No Reason to Litter.”



Grades 6-8 First Place and GRAND PRIZE: The School
of the Osage Middle School in Osage Beach

Teacher Karen Blevins and her 6th-8th grade GATES students chose The “Wizard of Oz” as their theme to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the movie.

Keeping it Green

The warm and windy weather provided a great day on April 24 for the Jefferson City Earth Day celebration on the Capitol lawn.

MoDOT took part in the festivities with an exhibit that featured environmental games and distribution of the ever-popular white pine tree seedlings. Over 3,000 seedlings were handed out to more than 1,000 elementary school students and other visitors.

Many visitors played an environmental ring toss game to learn more about No MOre Trash! and Adopt-A-Highway; and they signed a litter pledge that encouraged them to tell their friends, families and neighbors about how to make Missouri litter free.

“Mother Nature gave us a sunny day to host an educational and fun event,” Roadside Management Supervisor Stacy Armstrong said. “I think the kids who attended learned something new about Missouri’s environment and how they can help protect it.”

The event is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and is designed to encourage children to take care of the Earth and preserve natural resources. A variety of state agencies participate in the event to help educate students and spread awareness about the effects of humans on our environment.

“Taking care of our surroundings doesn’t just benefit the animals,” Armstrong said. “Keeping the roads and waterways in Missouri clean provides more beautiful places for us to work and play.” ■



Missouri students line up for a turn at the ring toss game, where they earned rings by answering questions about the effects of litter.



Every student who attended Earth Day was urged to sign a litter pledge, vowing to not litter and keep Missouri clean of trash.



Everyone who attended the Earth Day celebration could get a white pine seedling to plant in his or her yard. MoDOT gave away over 3,000 seedlings throughout the day.

Complete List Of Winners

Grades K-2

1st Place: Osborn Elementary, Osborn, kindergarten class of Tina Beers

2nd Place: Malden Elementary, Malden, kindergarten teachers and classes

3rd Place: St. Joseph School, Westphalia, first-grade class of Vivian Carwile

Grades 3-5 / 1st Place

St. Francis Xavier, Jefferson City, fourth and fifth graders of Vivian Carwile

2nd Place: A.D. Stowell Elementary, Hannibal, students of Stephen Schisler

3rd Place: S.M. Rissler Elementary, Trenton, Rissler Student Council

Grades 6-8 / 1st Place

Osage Middle School, Osage Beach, GATES eighth graders of Karen Blevins

2nd Place: Southwest Livingston County R-1, students of Marj Locker

3rd Place: Tipton Elementary, Tipton, students of Lemanda Knipp

Grand Prize

Osage Middle School, Osage Beach, GATES eighth graders of Karen Blevins

New Adopters

November 2008 - April 2009

We apologize to the following adopters who inadvertently were not included in the previous newsletter:

May - 2008

Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake

Round Pond Baptist Church

Saint Mary Catholic Church

St. John U.C.C. Youth Group

The Janes Family

The Nichting Family

The Trashy Women

Unity Church of Light, St. Charles

Wal-Mart Store 56 Associates

You, Only Better LLC, In Memory of Paul Downing

November - 2008

Bombers Rugby Football Club

Boy Scout Troop 990, Old Monroe, MO

Case New Holland Parts Distribution, Cameron, MO

Christian Motorcyclist Assoc. Swordbearers No. 49

EHS, Earth Key Club, Science Club

In Loving Memory of Austin Nelson, Nelson Family & Friends

In Loving Memory of Denise (Lero) Greene

In Loving Memory of Jordan Ordway

In Memory of Leo Zahner

Knox County FFA

Missouri Valley Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Mountain View Church of Christ

Northeast Missouri Health Council

Phi Beta Sigma Fra. XI Iota Chapter, Semo University

Students of Metro Business College - I.A.A.P.

The Cross Family, In Memory of Hazel Sampson

The Shupert Family

December - 2008

American Legion Post 216

Campbellton Livestock 4-H Club

Castlepoint Trustees - Town, Brown, Vance, Meshell, Johnson

Clever Cub Scouts Pack 173 - United Methodist Church

Cole Camp Girl Scouts

Democratic Central Committee of Stone County

In Loving Memory of 2 LT US Army Scott P. Kendall

In Loving Memory of Curly A. Wingerter, by your Loving Family

In Loving Memory of Eddie Kilpatrick

In Loving Memory of Harry D. Tunnell IV

In Loving Memory of James Lee Nowatzke - James' Mile

In Loving Memory of Jessica Marie Hess Family & Friends

In Memory of Devin, The "Dude's" Family

LeaAnn Brookhart

Legit Reviews

Lone Jack FFA Chapter

Longfellow's Garden Center

M. Lois Simpson Page, Mom, Nana, Sister, Wife

Mid-Missouri Model A Restorers Club

Midtown Kiwanis Club

Pacific Jaycees

Rosendale Community Garden Club

Rusty Simbro, Bobbie Hill and Jeff Hill

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

The Schraml Family

January - 2009

American Biker Charities & the Dam Rally

Dale and Lynne Spillars

Dedicated to Sheila Huffman

Elizabeth Harrison, Chapter DAR 6-020-MO

Hook Cattle

In Honor of Chandler Baptist Church, Tom & Julie Dunn Family

In Loving Memory of Charlie Page

In Loving Memory of Loran Dale Silvey

In Loving Memory of Tom Hebel, Son, Brother, Friend

In Loving Memory of Travis Taft

In Loving Memory, Art Daggett

In Memory of Coats Family Homestead

Republic Walmart

Samantha Watson Sambo

Tri-Lakes Chapter, Show-Me Missouri, Backcountry Horseman

Zion Baptist Church

February - 2009

41st Judicial Circuit Drug Court

Austin & Kacey Ellwein

Bison Prairie RV Camp

David James Sapp, Family & Friends

Delta Epsilon Iota U.C.M.

Donald Murphy

Excelsior Springs High School Natural Helpers

Faith Family and Friends of Colin H. Krigbaum

First Baptist Church - King City

Freedom of Road Riders Local 27, SAC - Osage

Freedom of Road Riders Local 46 - Greater Kansas City

Gilman City FFA Chapter

In Loving Memory of Courtney T. Noll

In Loving Memory of Dale Manuel Sr.

In Loving Memory of Jordan Kolt Craig

In Loving Memory of Lauren E. Capper, We Miss You Bunches

In Loving Memory of Michael Lehane

In Memory of Judge Robert G. Smith

In Memory of Thomas Robert Coats and Family

In Memory of Sondra D. Cunningham,

Loving Daughters

Mid Missouri Radio Control Club

Missouri Evans Scholars

Paulsmeyer Farms

Quizno's

Remember Marty Wintz -Elkettes 2509, Blue Springs

South Nodaway FFA

New Adopters

November 2008 - April 2009

Ste. Genevieve Lions Club
Wal-Mart Supercenter, Cape Girardeau

March - 2009

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Boy Scout Troop 370
Chaffee High School Beta Club
Church of Israel
Dennis Family
Forever Remembered Vickie and DJ Halton
Friends and Family of Mack Sohn
In Loving Memory for David L. Bross, Your love Continues
In Loving Memory of Angel R. Seward, Ainna Boo
In Loving Memory of Carolyn Jean Elkins
In Loving Memory of Devin Dudenhoefter, Love Family & Friends
In Loving Memory of Diana Moon Schilli
In Loving Memory of Jeffery Allen Kallbreier
In Loving Memory of Kelley Delene Stottlemyre
In Loving Memory of Ron & Wilma, Kids & Grandkids
In Memory of Mattie Rose Donnell
In Remembrance of our son Zebadiah Allen Dorsch
Kearney Lions Club
Knights of Columbus, FR Benedict W. Harter, Council #979
Lake Home Nursery & Landscaping
Larry, Cheryl and Samantha Keeton
Leonard & Betty Atterberry
Liberty High School Student Council
Magical Moments Golden Living Center, Colonial MNR Albany
Marshfield Wal-Mart Supercenter
Prayer Warriors, Emmanuel Baptist Church
Romancing the Home
Sturgeon Goalseekers 4-H Club
Taney County Democrats
The Nicholson Family
The Ronchetto Family

The Schofield King and Lowe Families
The Wendy Fitzgerald Blue Foundation

April - 2009

40North
Circle V. Ranch
Community of Christ, Liberty
Concord-Lemay Republicans
Cooper Co. P & P Community Service, Bill Lacy
Cooper Co. P & P Community Service, Darin Paul
Cooper Co. P & P Community Service, Pattie Snapp
Crossroads of Faith Youth Group
Dales Roofing, Inc.
Durham School Services
Employees of Bill Goat Industries
Family Friends and Students in Memory of Troy J. Hays
Farmington High School Student Council
Fedex Smartpost
First State Community Bank
Foundation Workshop Inc. FWI Community Recycling
In Loving Memory of Donald P. Crump
In Loving Memory of Duke, Carolyn & Joyce Lee
In Loving Memory of Earnest Lloyd
In Loving Memory of Kerry Fulks, R.N, wife and mother
In Loving Memory of Martha & Missy Robnson by Sarah & Jim Henderson
In Loving Memory of Melissa Lynn Norton
In Loving Memory of our Son Daniel G. Fox III

In Loving Memory of Robbie W. Boyer Jr.
In Loving Memory of Sammy Dean Bryan Jr., Husband and Father
In Loving Memory of Shari Andrea Zagar, Family & Friends
In Memory of Ashley Marie Holder
In Memory of Gertrude Boyle and S.R.V.
In Memory of Louis Fangers
In Memory of Travis Wray Johns Sponsored by Stucco & Stone
Indian Trails Chapter, Backcountry Horseman, St. Clair Saddle Club
Johnson Controls, Inc., Brenda Constant, Betty Holcomb
Kansas City Seikotic
KC Chapter American Meteorological Society
Kountry Kidz 4-H Club
Mike & Jone Coons
Nikki Sanner and Grams
Oldfield Church of Christ
Onondaga Cave State Park Scout Patch Program
Pleasant Valley Fire Fighters Association
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sunnyhill Farms & Nursery
The Carlton Family
Tommy E. Tracy & Thomas Boatner, Sr.
Vineyard Church

Thank You New Adopters!

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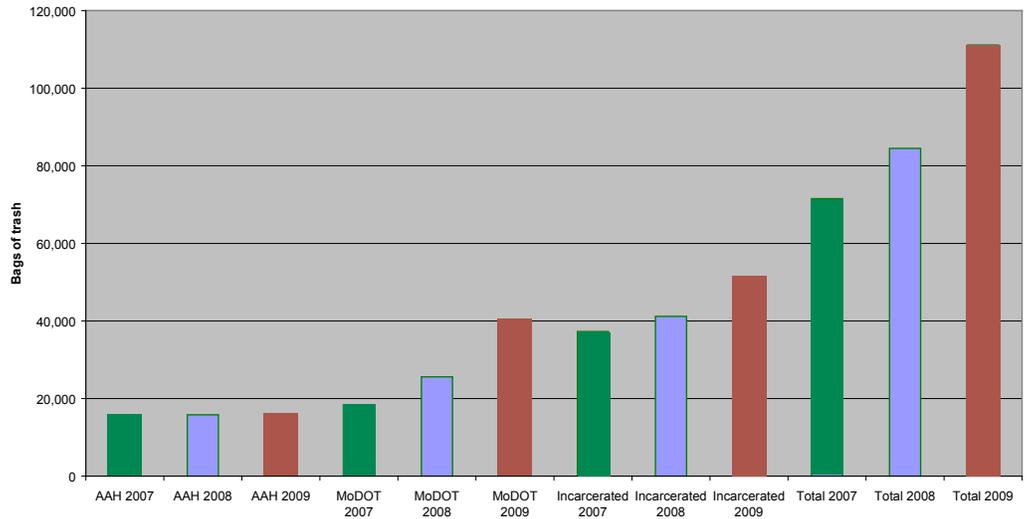


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