

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE
SHOW-ME REGIONAL BEGINNINGS

- June, 1979 .. There were no registered N.A. meetings in the entire state of Missouri. There were N.A. contacts, Russ Counts and George Thompson in Norman, OK. There were N.A. meetings in Wichita and Topeka, Kansas. There was a contact in Lincoln, Nebraska, "Junkie" Jim Nichols, and a contact in Chicago, "Paul O."
- October, 1979 Fifth Tradition Group of Joplin, Missouri, registered with WSO, Inc., becoming the first N.A. group to be so registered. At that same time, Jimmy Kinnon of WSO advised that Kansas City had made inquiry and had a group meeting in Bill Overfelt's home. At the same time, Springfield, Missouri (Mitch Hart) had sent for a starter kit. St. Louis, Missouri had also sent an inquiry to WSO (Jim and Kat Jaegger) and had advised WSO of a meeting at 777 South New Ballas Road. Attempts were made to contact other groups throughout the state and it was discovered that Jefferson City had an N.A. contact (Jerome Boeckman).
- May, 1980 First High-on-Life Picnic at Stockton Lake. Cindy Porter and Ron Dieker, representatives of a fledgling region in Kansas called the Mid-America Region attended and asked if Missouri would like to join their region. The Ozark Area of SW Missouri was formed and requested admission to Mid-America Region which was accepted. At that time Mid-America Region consisted only of meetings in Kansas.
- Sept. 1980 WCNA10 was held at Wichita, Kansas. (Total attendance around 350 people) Attendees included a number of Missouri members. Plans

were implemented to have better communication between the groups and an impromptu meeting was called to discuss the feasibility of writing our own "Basic Text". The dates of the first Basic Text Conference were set shortly after the close of the WCNA10 to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

June, 1981

Second High-on-Life Picnic at Stockton Lake, MO. Strong attendance from eastern Missouri noted. Jim & Kat Jaegger were there as were Bob DeSuza and others from the eastern part of the state. Approximately 120 people attended.

1980, 1981, 1982

The formation of a Mid-American Region continued to grow as groups starting "popping" up all over. The first Mid-America Regional Directory was published from the new Mid-America Regional Service Office in Topeka, KS. And a Mid-America Regional newsletter began to be published. During this time period, Arkansas had two meetings at Fayetteville. Iowa had meetings at Council Bluffs and Waterloo, and Kansas had meetings in Colby, Dodge City, Emporia, Kansas City, Lawrence, Salina, Newton, Topeka and Wichita. Missouri had meetings in Joplin, Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, and Jefferson City, and Nebraska had meetings in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney. Oklahoma had meetings in Enid, Norman, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. All of those states formed the Mid-America Region and attended Regional Business Meetings on a regular basis. By March of 1982, the number of groups had more than tripled in the Mid-America Region.

July, 1982

Third High-on-Life Picnic was held at Stockton

Lake, MO., approximately 400 people attended.

March, 1983

First Mid-America Regional Convention was held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Approximately 110 people were present. Speakers were "Motorcycle Ed" and "Lin A."

July, 1983

Fourth High-on-Life Picnic was held at Stockton Lake, MO. with approximately 800 people in attendance.

August, 1983

A special conference was held for the purpose of forming a new region to include the state of Missouri to be known as the "Show-Me Region of N.A." in St. Louis, Missouri. Bob DeSuza chaired the meeting. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Show-Me Region of N.A. would be formed out of the old Mid-America Region. Its boundaries were basically the state of Missouri. This was a time of continued rapid growth for the fellowship. Application was made for admittance to the World Service Conference for the Show-Me Region. The blessings of the Mid-America Region were obtained in April, 1984 and the proposed boundaries were presented at WSC.

March, 1984

The second Mid-America Regional Convention was held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Approximately 300 people attended. Speakers included Bob Bergh and Carmelita Witherspoon.

April, 1984

The Show-Me Region was admitted officially to the World Service Conference in Santa Monica, CA. This was the last year that the WSC met in Santa Monica.

July, 1984 The Fifth High-on-Life Picnic was held at Stockton Lake, Mo.

Sept., 1984 The Region was active and growing. The World Service Office had been redesigned and made efficient. Scott Bennett was Chairman of RSC and a full complement of trusted servants were working hard for the Region.

January, 1985 The Little Egypt Area of Illinois became a part of the Show-Me Region, including groups in Salem, Mount Vernon, Centralia, Vandalia, and Effingham, Illinois. There was an attempt to "get the ball rolling" to make a bid for the 1986 World Convention in St. Louis. Bobby Henson was involved in regional trusted service.

March, 1985 The Third Mid-America Regional Convention was held at the Tulsa Sheraton Skyline East in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Speakers included Brother Ric, Gennie Swanson, and Danny Joe Johnson.

July, 1985 The Sixth High-on-Life Picnic was held at Stockton Lake, MO. Vern Pugh was RSR and Jean Hall was RSR Alternate.

August, 1985 The Boone Area of N.A. was admitted to the Region (subsequently to become Mid-Missouri Area). At that time, Milton Gomillion was RWR Alternate, Vern Pugh, RSC Chairperson.

November, 1985 The Greater St. Charles area was admitted as an area to the Show-Me Region. Scott Uppinghouse, Convention Committee Chairman, began the work of the Convention Committee for our first Show-Me Regional Convention. Our RSR was

Linda Merillat. Our Regional Service Committee meetings were being rotated from east to west at that period of time. Dave Kusmaul was elected RSR Alternate. Service Guildelines for the region were being suggested and workshopped.

March, 1986

The Fourth Mid-America Convention was held at Shangri-La Resort at Afton, Oklahoma on Grand Lake. Well over 400 people attended. This was the last Mid-America Regional Convention and it was sponsored jointly between the Mid-America Region and the Show-Me Region. By this time, Nebraska and Iowa had left the Mid-America Region. Only Oklahoma remained. Oklahoma became a Region in 1987.

June, 1986

First Show-Me Regional Convention held at Henry VIIIth Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Speakers included Sidney Rosen and Vangie Creek. Over 300 attended. Convention committee profited \$7,337.30.

July, 1986

The Seventh High-on-Life Picnic was held at Stockton Lake, Missouri. RSR was Dave Kusmaul; RSR Alternate, Bobby Henson; RSC Chairperson, Bob DeSuza.

Jan. 11, 1987

Heart of America Area (Kansas City) was welcomed as a voting participant to the Region as well as Mid-Missouri Area.

April, 1987

Springfield Area welcomed into the Show-Me Region.

June, 1987	SMRCNA II held at Springfield, Missouri. Speakers included Ron Hofius, Doreen Phelps, and Dot Talley.
July, 1987	The Eighth High-on-Life Picnic at Stockton Lake, Missouri.
August, 1987	Bobby Henson elected RSR, John Colt RSR Alternate. RSC Chairperson was Dave Kusmaul.
March, 1988	RSC grown by the addition of Southeast Kansas Area and West Central Illinois Area. Bobby Henson RSR. Discussions were held about the formation of a central service office to be known as the Regional Service Office.
May, 1988	Stan Meinert was RSR Alternate. Establishment of a central service office was given approval. Rich Little was elected RSR Alternate and Stan Meinert was elected RSR.
June, 1988	SMRCNA III held at the Westport Holiday Inn, St. Louis. Rich Lee was Convention Chairperson.
July, 1988	The Ninth Annual High-on-Life Picnic at Stockton Lake, Missouri.
June, 1989	SMRCNA IV held at Springfield Hilton Inn. Speakers included Dutch, Greg Pierce, and Ginnie Swanson.
July, 1989	The Tenth Annual High-on-Life Picnic at Stockton Lake, Missouri.

June, 1990 SMRCNA V held at Holiday Inn, Columbia, MO.
Speakers included "Mr. Bill" and Vito.

July, 1990 The Eleventh Annual High-on-Life Picnic at
Stockton Lake, Missouri.

June, 1991 SMRCNA VI held at Hilton Airport Hotel, Kansas
City, Missouri. Speakers included Anthony
Edmondson and Chuck Lehman.

July, 1991 The Twelfth Annual High-on-Life Picnic at
Stockton Lake, Missouri.

June, 1992 SMRCNA VII held at Holiday Inn, Joplin,
Missouri. Speakers included Ron Joseph,
New Orleans, Louisiana, and "Mick" from
Oregon.

July, 1992 The Thirteenth Annual High-on-Life Picnic at
Stockton Lake, Missouri.