

SIX-STATE RALLY

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FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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Gateway Piasas
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GMC Flatlanders
Gulf Coast Cruisers
Gulf Coast Loafers
Happy (OK) Wanderers
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Hi Plains
Kansas Twisters
Lone Star
Midwest Prairie Schooners
Monaco Wan-Na-Go's
National RV Central States
Ozark Ridge Runners
Ozark Schooners, Inc.
Ozarks Prairie Sooners
Pelican Travelers
Rally in the Pasture
Red River Rovers
River City Travelers
Rollin' Okies
Roughnecks
Same Ole Buddies
Sooner Coaches
South Central Bus Nuts
South Central Wanderers
South Texas Renegades
South Central Winnies
Southwinders
Stars of Texas
Texans On Safari
Texas Outlaws
Texas Prevosts
Texas Road Runners
Thousand Trails of Texas
Tip-O-Tex
Travlin Texans
Westex

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2008

Summer is about over with a new group of Chapter Rallies to finish out the year. All chapters are planning more fun things to do making them lots of fun for members and new member guests.

Lou and I attended the 80th International Convention in St. Paul, MN, July 14-17, 2008. While there I attended the Executive Board, Governing Board, and Convention Committee meetings. All Executive Board members have a job to do during the convention. I again was working with the handicap and activity trams captain and handicap seating at the evening entertainment. The weather started out with rain and windstorm but was good during the rally, and all had a great time.

Governing Board Meeting

I would like to thank all national directors for attending the Board meeting in St. Paul. The South Central Area has 49 chapters of which 39 chapter representatives were in attendance to help plan the future of your Association. The budget for the next year was worked on and approved without raising the yearly dues -- with all line items checked and rechecked to have a good budget for the coming year. We should all thank them for their long day's work.

Hard Work is Still Needed for the Membership Drive

The work all of us have done this year to get new FMCA members is helping us grow. If we keep working, the South Central Area will grow at a faster rate than we have in the past. Let's continue to work talking to and signing up motorhome owners and commercial members to increase our Chapter and FMCA membership while having fun. PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR NEW MEMBERS NOW TO HELP ALL HAVE MORE FUN.

Chapter Officers

Chapters will be electing their officers for the coming year. The work that officers do to make the chapter operate is often overlooked by members, until they have had the duties of a chapter officer. If we train members on the operation of a chapter and grow the talent in all chapters, the membership will also grow. A good start is to be a Wagon Master host for the next year.

North Little Rock

You still have time to come to the Rally at the Rock and bring your friends. We don't want you to miss out on the good old fashion fun with your FMCA Family. I have been told it is going to be something special and I guess they are right, as I look at all the things to do and places to see. I don't plan to miss this fun time. See you there.

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Other Information

FMCA will be presenting a Chapter Fair during the 81st International convention in Perry, Georgia. This event is planned for Monday, March 16, 2009. Individual chapters will be demonstrating their unique qualities in an effort to attract non-members to the “chapter way of life.” This is an excellent opportunity to gain new members for your chapter and to share one of FMCA’s preeminent benefits – chapter membership. Make sure your chapter has this fair on your winter schedule. Make your table reservation early; we don’t want to miss out on showing off the South Central Area. You can reserve a table for the Chapter Fair by calling Penny Gortemiller, (800) 543-3622, ext. 238 or e-mail pgortemiller@fmca.com.

Family Motor Coaching Magazine

Our FMC Magazine Editor has requested that more pictures of chapter events be sent in for possible publication. They want pictures of activities with a short write-up. Send it by e-mail to: rgould@fmca.com

Communication Committee

We now have a South Central Area communication committee for the newsletters and Web site as follows:

Chairman:	Tony Innocenti	cell phone (361) 648-3381
Committee Consultant:	Darrell Gilliland	
Web Master Captain:	Jim Hampton	
Web Master LT:	Jim Maynard	
News Master Captain:	Bill Stone	

The above committee is to help chapters on any communications, training aids, area rallies WiFi setup, and keep the Area Web Site with current information. The committee will help you on many tasks to make a Web site work better for your chapter.

Send your newsletter and Web site information for this year’s contest at the rally in North Little Rock to Bill Stone, 4651 South Hemlock Ave, Battlefield, MO 65619, e-mail: billbettystone@yahoo.com; phone 417-883-5425 home and 417-860-5026 cell. Be sure Bill receives your newsletter or Web site by September 12, 2008. The Committee will review all received for the contest and they will be awarding the prizes at the Rally. Go to the South Central Web site for information about the Area. www.sca-fmca.com. Contact the Chairman Tony Innocenti for more information and help.

South Central Annual Meeting

South Central Annual meeting will be held at the North Little Rock Rally on Saturday morning September 27th 2008. Check your schedule for time and place. The Governing Board will meet to conduct the business for the coming year. The information has been mailed to the National Directors so they can review the items that will come before them. We will have an election for the Regional Vice Presidents. The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names: Northern Region (KS, OK, MO, and AR area): Charlie Adcock F311374; Southern Region (TX and LA area): Steve Pickens F263187 and Woodrow (Woody) Payne F243641. All will be elected for a 2-year term. Also anyone can run from the floor.

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Chapter Anniversaries 2008

Blue Bonnet Travelers	10/11/2003	5 years	Will Celebrate 9/25-28/08
Texans on Safari	5/21/1998	10 years	Celebrated 3/28/08
Monaco Wan-Na-Go's	10/30/1993	15 years	Will Celebrate 11/12-16/08
Ozarks Prairie Sooners	3/20/1993	15 years	Celebrated 4/18/08
South Central Wanderers	10/27/1988	20 years	Will Celebrate 9/25-28/08
Thousand Trails of Texas	12/05/1987	20 years	Celebrated 1/11/2008
Westex	7/25/1978	30 years	Will Celebrate 9/06/08
Arkansas Travelers	7/21/1973	35 years	Will Celebrate 9/25-28/08
Rollin' Okies	7/21/1973	35 years	Celebrated 5/17/08

I didn't receive a date from three chapters as to when they are celebrating their anniversary. They will receive their certificate at the Six-State Rally in North Little Rock. I plan to attend the Westex and Monaco Wan-Na-Go's Anniversary Chapter Rallies. Next year we will have a new group of chapters to celebrate each 5-year since their formation. We have many chapters that have been meeting and making friends for a long time and that is what FMCA is about. I would like to thank all Chapters and Officers for showing us how to make new friends and have fun doing it.

Dates to Remember for 2008

35th SIX-STATE RALLY, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2008

81st INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS & AGRICENTER, PERRY, GEORGIA, MARCH 16-19, 2009

82nd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO, JULY 20-23, 2009

Rally at the Rock

The Wagon Master and Six-State Officers, Cadre and Host Chapters are working to have a great rally. This is a very different type of rally. It has so many things to see and do like no other rally has ever done. Check out the overview with all things included in the rally fee and things to do on your own after or before the rally. We are planning to have a big party at the 35th Six-State Rally in North Little Rock, September 24 - 28, 2008. Please plan to attend this fun rally (put it on your schedule now); it will be nothing like you have ever seen before. Registration is underway with many already signed up and ready to go. It is time to register, call FMCA, visit the FMCA.com or the May, June, July, August, and September FMC magazine issues. Send in your registration form now!!! Don't miss the fun. See you there.

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Singing at the Rock

George Archer, President of Coaches for Christ South Central Chapter, and Lenore Combs, President of Frustrated Maestros - South Central Chapter, are requesting HELP from anyone who would like to be in the Grand Chorus at North Little Rock on Sunday morning and at morning coffee and doughnuts each day. Let's have all clubs represented well and have fun "singing at the ROCK." We want all that would like to help. Please contact George or Lenore as follows: GFARC@aol.com and [ljcombs@rgv.rr.com](mailto:lcombs@rgv.rr.com).

Lou & I have made FMCA Chapter and Convention visits in 2008 as follows:

January 11 - 13, 2008	20 th Anniversary Party for Thousand Trails of Texas, Willis, TX
February 6 - 10, 2008	Chapter Rally - South Texas Renegades, San Marcos, TX
February 19 - 29, 2008	International Convention, Pomona, CA
March 26 - 30, 2008	Chapter 10 th Anniversary Rally, Texans on Safari, Schertz, TX
April 8 - 12, 2008	Chapter Rally - Rally in the Pasture, Searcy, AR
April 13 - 16, 2008	Area Planning Rally, North Little Rock, AR
April 17 - 20, 2008	Chapter 15 th Anniversary Rally, Ozarks Prairie Sooners, Branson, MO
May 15 - 18, 2008	Chapter 35 th Anniversary Rally, Rollin' Okies, Guthrie, OK
May 22 - 26, 2008	GLASS Area Rally, Berrien Springs, MI
June 19 - 22, 2008	Happy (OK) Wanderers, Grove, OK
June 26 - 29, 2008	Ozark Ridge Runners, Grove, OK
July 8 - 27, 2008	International Convention, St. Paul, MN
August 7 - 10, 2008	Kansas Twisters, Grand Lake Towne, OK

We hope to see you on your trips as we enjoy our lifestyle in the motorhome visiting with our many FMCA member friends at rallies.

See you down the road.

Fred Kennedy

Fred & Lou Kennedy
President of Six-State Rally Association

