

FMCA's South Central Area **SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION, INC.**



SHAWNEE 2020 RALLY CANCELLATION

March 23, 2020

TO: All South Central, Midwest and Eastern Area Members of FMCA

After consultation with the Executive Board of the South Central Area, I have reluctantly decided to **cancel** the September 2020 Shawnee Rally due to concerns of the COVID-19 VIRUS. This was not an easy decision so I will give a brief summary of the facts affecting my action.

- We have entered very unsure times as many people have to stay in their homes, unable to travel and told to keep their distance from others.
- We don't know if this will be for days, weeks or months.
- The welfare and safety of our FMCA members and family must be put before any other considerations.
- Some of our vendors usually order supplies for the rally 120 to 180 days before the event and they could lose considerable money and not be able to recover financially.
- The rally attendees also have to make decisions on travel/reservations without knowing if they will be able to go as planned.

The following positive actions have also been taken:

- Refunds are being processed for those registered, and going out, immediately.
- Shawnee will hold the grounds for us to the last minute and we may be able to hold a modified rally if things change for the better.

PLEASE check our website often for the latest updates. (sca-fmca.com)

A thought to remember:

Most of our members are in the age group most affected by this virus. They are also huggers, back slappers and those that like to be close to each other. A friend sent me the following from Minnesota:

{When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be, and may we stay that way – better for each other, because of the worst.}

Joe Wright

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