

# SIX-STATE RALLY



## ASSOCIATION, INC. FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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### PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

Welcome to all. The spring chapter rallies are in full swing for the year. All of the chapters are making the rallies lots of fun for members and new member guests.

Lou and I attended the 85th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase in Perry, Georgia, March 14 – 17, 2011. While we were there, we attended the Executive Board meeting and Convention Committee workshop. I helped with the handicap and activity trams and handicap seating at the night entertainment. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the convention. The weather was everything from rain showers to sunshine and very good all in the same day, which made for a good rally. The convention attendance was busy with trying to visit all the indoor exhibits, coach displays, seminars and great entertainment. We had a great time and missed many of you. Thanks to those attending.

I just finished attending the Executive Board meeting and committee meetings in May at Cincinnati. We approved the fiscal year 2012 budget going to the Governing Board for Madison. Many hours went into completing all the documents. The minutes of the meetings will be sent to you soon. The Board is continuing to make changes to improve your association. New approaches to improve revenues and find more and better benefits for members helps us continue to grow.

### “A DOZEN DOES IT” IS HELPING THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Have you and your chapter taken the challenge? Help keep FMCA's 2011 member recruitment effort rolling by introducing new families to FMCA. Your chapter received 5 free memberships this year again to give to new members wanting to join FMCA. If chapter members sign on 7 more new members in 2011, the chapter receives a prize package to use at rallies. Each chapter can receive one prize package as the first award; and one prize package or \$150 as the second award for 2011. We had many chapters receive the prize package thanks to their hard work. The work all of us have done this year to get new FMCA members is helping us grow. We are holding our own as we were very close to last year's member numbers. If we keep working, the South Central Area will grow to have more members next year and lead the recruiting ahead of other areas. If each chapter picks up 12 new FMCA and chapter members, we can meet our goals. Don't forget to sign up the campground you held your rally in as a new FMCA commercial member.

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The area chapters are having good numbers of new members attending the chapter rallies. We have to go back to having fun, doing new things at each chapter rally, showing other motorhome members what they are missing and causing them to want to be part of this fun. Let's continue to work talking to and signing up motorhome owners to increase our chapter and FMCA membership while having fun. PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR NEW MEMBERS NOW TO HELP ALL HAVE MORE FUN.

### **PERRY, GEORGIA, INFORMATION**

Thanks to the South Central Area members for attendance at the Chapter Fair in Perry. Unfortunately, our area only had 3 chapters showing what they do. You cannot get new members without being at the functions and putting on a good face. Thanks also to those attending the Area Gathering at the 85th in Perry, Georgia, and be sure to tell others that we missed them.

### **MADISON, WISCONSIN, INFORMATION**

FMCA's 86th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, August 10 – 13, 2011.

It's not too early to start planning for your chapter to be represented at the annual Governing Board meeting, voting on the fiscal year 2012 budget, election of officers, and other important business. We need all chapters from our South Central Area to be in attendance. This is your chance to help. See you there.

If your National Director or Alternate National Director cannot attend the international convention in Madison, it's time for your chapter to elect a Temporary Delegate to go to the convention. It is our goal to have all chapters of the South Central Area represented at the meeting in August, 2011.

Don't miss the National Director and Alternate National Director training the day before the Governing Board meeting.

We will have a Chapter Fair at the Family Reunion in Madison on Thursday, August 11, 4:30 p.m. Sign up now for a table to show the non-chapter members what you have to offer. How many can we get to become your chapter member? If you are not attending the convention or do not have a Chapter Fair table, how will they meet you and want to be a part of your chapter family? Sign up for the Chapter Fair table and join the fun. Come; we would like to have you. To sign up for a table at the Chapter Fair, contact Penny Gortemiller at the National Office, 513-474-3622, 800-543-3622 extension 238, or [pgortemiller@fmca.com](mailto:pgortemiller@fmca.com).

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Charlie Adcock, South Central Area National Vice President Elect! He will officially take office at the August Annual Membership Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.

***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 chapter activities with a short write-up. Send it by e-mail to [rgould@fmca.com](mailto:rgould@fmca.com).

There are four places in the magazine to highlight your chapter: 1. Association Calendar; 2. Chapter Spotlight; 3. Family & Friends; and 4. Join a Chapter. Have you been using them?

**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE  
FOR THE NEWSLETTERS AND WEB SITE FOR 2011 AS FOLLOWS:**

South Central Web Site--[www.sca-fmca.com](http://www.sca-fmca.com)

Chairman	Darrell Gilliland	Cell phone 940-727-1800
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Web Master	Jim Maynard	Cell phone 361-648-3381
Past President	Jim Ammenheuser	Cell phone 409-201-2545

The above committee is to help chapters on any communications and training aids to assist with area rally WiFi setup; and keep the Area Web Site with current information. The committee has reworked the Web Site; the current format on it is all new with lots of new information. The goal of the committee is to make the Web a location for you to go to receive SCA information ([www.sca-fmca.com](http://www.sca-fmca.com)). Check it out and tell us if you like the changes or want us to add other information. The committee will help you on many tasks to make it work better for your chapter.

We are having a contest and school for Newsletters and Web Sites at the South Central Area Rally, September 28-October 2, 2011, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Kansas. Contact Chairman Darrell Gilliland to register for the contest by September 1, 2011: e-mail [darrell.gilliland@yahoo.com](mailto:darrell.gilliland@yahoo.com); phone 940-727-1800; or if you need more information or help.

**GMAC INSURANCE**

GMAC became a partner in 2010 with FMCA and as a result is saving members on motorhome and car insurance with better coverage made for us. They are offering special rates on RV and auto insurance for FMCA members. If you are interested in the savings, call GMAC and get a quote. You can reach GMAC by calling 1-888-576-4269: mention Savings Code: YS-BA, or visit their Web Site: [www.gmacinsurance.com/fmca](http://www.gmacinsurance.com/fmca).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2011**

86<sup>th</sup> FAMILY REUNION & MOTORHOME SHOWCASE, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin, August 10-13, 2011

38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SIX-STATE RALLY, Heartland Motorhome Rally, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas, September 28-October 2, 2011

## **CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES 2011**

Outlaws	01/24/11	35 years	Celebrated 01/09/11
Happy (OK) Wanderers	02/21/11	20 years	Celebrated 05/19/11
Tip-O-Tex	03/05/11	35 years	Celebrated 01/13 11
Stars of Texas	03/05/11	35 years	Celebrated 05/10/11
Gateway Getaways	03/10/11	15 years	Celebrated 04/14/11
Texas Prevosts	03/20/11	15 years	Celebrate
GMC Classics	03/23/11	25 years	Celebrate
Kansas Twisters	04/07/11	10 years	Celebrated 04/14/11
Heartland Execs.	04/27/11	25 years	Celebrated 05/20/11
Roughnecks	05/23/11	25 years	Celebrated 05/01/11
GMC Flatlanders	06/01/11	15 years	Celebrate
Red River Rovers	06/16/11	10 years	Celebrate 06/09/11
Pelican Travelers	09/20/11	35 years	Celebrate 10/07/11
Ozark Ridge Runners	10/05/11	10 years	Celebrate 10/03/11
Country Coach Texans	11/03/11	10 years	Celebrate

## **50<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER ONE YEAR OLD**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Chapter for the South Central Area--THOUSAND TRAILS/FMCA OF TEXOMA—recently reached its one year anniversary. The chapter now has 45 members and is always welcoming new chapter members. If interested please let the president, Roy Bevers FMCA #F334966, know at: Home Phone 817-292-7943. He will show you how to have fun in North Texas.

## **NEW CHAPTER**

Welcome the 51<sup>st</sup> chapter for South Central Area: ROAMIN' CATHOLICS – SOUTH CENTRAL. They meet at the South Central Area Rallies and are always welcoming new chapter members. If interested please let President Thelma Hebert FMCA #F93234 know at: Home Phone 337-984-8642. They will be happy to have you as a member.

## **CHAPTER VISITS**

Lou & I are trying to visit as many chapters as we can this year. We look forward to meeting each and every one, plus we enjoy going to chapter rallies. We would appreciate receiving your chapter newsletters and rally schedule so we can work as many as possible into our schedule to visit you. We have attended 56 chapter rallies in the South Central Area and enjoyed each and every one. We will continue to attend chapter rallies and try to make those we have not visited so far. Please send them to: [fkennedy@fmca.com](mailto:fkennedy@fmca.com).

Lou & I started the 2011 year with chapter visits as follows:

- January 6, 2011 – South Texas Renegades, Conroe, Texas
- January 7 – 10, 2011 – Thousand Trails of Texas Chapter Rally, Willis, Texas
- January 12 – 13, 2011 – Tip-O-Tex, Chapter 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, Harlingen, Texas
- January 13 – 16, 2011 – Valley RV Show, Harlingen, Texas
- February 9 – 12, 2011 – Outlaws Chapter 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, Rayne, Louisiana
- February 16 – 19, 2011 – Lone Star Chapter Rally, San Antonio, Texas
- February 20 – 23, 2011 – Six State Officer Meeting, Beaumont, Texas
- March 8 – 18, 2011 – Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, Perry, Georgia
- March 21 – 23, 2011 – South Central Lucky Rollers Chapter, Durant, Oklahoma
- April 14 – 16, 2011 – Gateway Getaways 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chapter Rally, Danville, Missouri
- April 17 – 20, 2011 – Six-State Area Planning Rally, Hutchinson, Kansas
- April 21 – 22, 2011 – Six-State Ambassador Rally, Hutchinson, Kansas
- April 25 – May 6, 2011 – Executive Board Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio
- May 18 – 22, 2011 – Heartland Exec's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chapter Rally, Blue Eye, Arkansas

Scheduled Visits:

- June 9 – 12, 2011 – Red River Rovers 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, Hugo, Oklahoma
- June 24 – 29, 2011 – Fleetwood National Rally, Shawnee, Oklahoma
- July 7 – 10, 2011 – Ozark Prairie Sooners Chapter Rally, Branson, Missouri
- August 4 – 14, 2011 – Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase Convention, Madison, Wisconsin

## **HEARTLAND MOTORHOME RALLY**

We are planning to have a big party at the 38<sup>th</sup> Six-State Rally in Hutchinson, Kansas, September 28-October 2, 2011. Please plan to attend this fun rally (put it on your schedule now). It will be nothing like you have ever seen at this location before. 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 with added vendors and entertainment. 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. You can have a pre-rally on site with electric, water, rally room free and very little cost to the club members. Parking is only \$25.00 for Sunday night, September 25, and \$50.00 for 2 days Monday, September 26, and Tuesday, September 27 (early parking). Registration has started, with many already signed up and ready to go (as of May 31, 129 have registered). It is time to register. Call FMCA, visit [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) or see the June, July and August FMC magazine issues. Send in your registration form now!!! Don't miss the fun. See you there.



## NEED NEW MEMBERS

P.S.: Don't forget the "A Dozen Does It" program—including the opportunity for chapters to earn a prize package. Be sure to mail your new member card when you receive it. Have each of you signed up your new FMCA member for 2011? If not, it is time to go to work now. You have to ask!!

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  
South Central Area National Vice President  
President of Six-State Rally Association

