

SIX-STATE RALLY



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Midwest Prairie Schooners
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National RV Central States
Outlaws
Ozark Ridge Runners
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Pelican Travelers
Rally in the Pasture
Red River Rovers
River City Travelers
Rollin' Okies
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Same Ole Buddies
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South Central Bus Nuts
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South Central Wanderers
South Central Winnies
South Texas Renegades
Southwinders
Stars of Texas
Texans On Safari
Texas Prevosts
Texas Road Runners
Thousand Trails of Texas
Thousand Trails/FMCA of Texoma
Tip-O-Tex
Travlin Texans
Westex

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER FALL 2010

Thank you for your support and confidence this year in working with me as your South Central Area Vice President. Lou and I have attended many chapter rallies and have enjoyed the year working with all to help chapters with information and assistance needed to increase membership. All of us together have made the South Central Area the best and we are having more fun with all our many new friends. We need to work very hard to sign up new FMCA members and add them to our chapters. This work is our lifeblood for success of FMCA membership growth with each signing up a new member to enjoy the friendship and benefits with our organization.

Lou and I attended the 84th International Convention in Redmond, Oregon, and had a great time making many new FMCA friends.

- * Attended all Executive Board functions and committee meetings.
- * Thanks to South Central Area Members for attendance at the Convention, Area Gathering and Governing Board meeting. South Central Area Chapters were well represented to look after your FMCA Association and represent your Chapter. Thanks to all for your extra effort in attending. The Governing Board had a full agenda with many changes to operations. The minutes of the Governing Board meeting have been mailed and give the many details of what is happening.

37TH SIX-STATE RALLY

The 37th Six-State Rally (Rally on the Red) was held in Shreveport, Louisiana, Sept. 29th – Oct. 3rd. The weather was warm during the day, cooling off some at night--perfect rally weather. I am sorry the state's new RV law at the last minute pulled the motorhome displays. We had 32 coaches coming and some came but would have been fined had they not left. The state is not RV friendly now and we worked hard to bring RV families to Shreveport. The local people were not happy with the way the state RV law treated us in Shreveport and have started to work to make it right. We as members can tell all of the local areas how much gas and diesel taxes they missed and other revenue from us being in the area. The rally members had plenty of new things to see and do while at the rally. Members were able to step back in history to see the way of life and culture along the Red in early Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Each rally day started with a full breakfast and entertainment by our own South Central Frustrated Maestros. Seminars and other activities were well-attended as well as indoor vendor displays. The four nights of good entertainment in the Louisiana State fairgrounds, with the back drop of the stage having a Rally on the Red banner flying with FMCA on both sides, made for a great time in house each night and enjoyment for all.

RALLY NUMBERS: Rally on the Red in Shreveport, Louisiana

Coaches	629
Live-in Vendors	35
Total Coaches	664
First-Time Attendees	180
Indoor Vendors	87
Passport	53
Total Attendees	769

NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS

There were checks presented to the two winners as below. The judges picked the following winners:

- 1st Place – Westex
- 2nd Place – Happy (OK) Wanderers
- Honorable Mention – Ozark Ridge Runners

WEB SITE CONTEST WINNERS

There were checks presented to the three winners as below. The judges picked the following winners:

- 1st Place – Westex
- 2nd Place – National RV Central States
- Honorable Mention – Bluebonnet Travelers

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Golfers enjoyed the golf scramble on Thursday morning. It turned out to be a very special day for golfers to have a near perfect outing.

PET PARADE

We had a large number of pets entered in the contest, and the judges picked all pets as winners with a special category for all.

FIRST-TIMERS

The First-Timers reception and information meeting with SRA Officers was well attended by all first-timers. I would like to have all who attended this year to repeat next year as second-timers to help receive the next first-timers to our Six-State Rally in Hutchinson, Kansas.

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CHAPTER FAIR

We had 25 chapters put up information about their chapter hoping to pick up new members. This was the first time we have had such a turnout and so many having fun with each other. All chapters were winners with the effort and the fun that went with that much work to showcase what they do at their rallies. LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT THE CHAPTER FAIR EVENT AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

We started a first by having the Ice Cream Social at the same place and time as the Chapter Fair. We will continue passing out the full pint of ice cream. Bluebell was the talk of the town at the Rally on the Red, and they took good care of us, with the local Bluebell Boss working to help with the event.

CHARITY QUILTS

The Charity Quilt area that we had in Shreveport, Louisiana, was wonderful and well attended. But without air-conditioning it was hot at times; we needed a bigger fan. Charity Quilt Captain Julian Lightfoot and LT Charlotte Hall received 327 quilts from South Central Area Chapters and displayed the (27) patriotic quilts together since these were going to Brooke Army Medical Center for their "Quilt of Valor" program. Thanks to Julian and Leslie Lightfoot for taking these quilts to Brooke Army Medical Center. We gave the other quilts to the Red River Quilters, the local quilting guild. They are the hub for all hospitals, women's shelters, and VA Medical Center. We were pleased to work with Jeannine James, who was chairman of the community relations with the Guild. We received many visitors to view the quilts. The day of the demonstration was our busiest day. We had 5 demonstrators, exhibiting various quilting techniques. The Guild served cookies and lemonade to our guests. We had 50-60 people come during the hours of demonstrations. The Social and Demonstrations were received with great enthusiasm (the girls were happy, happy, happy!!!). We would like to thank all who donated to such a good cause and ask all to bring one quilt or blanket per coach next year in Hutchinson. The quilts that we give each year are truly needed. These don't have to be fancy; they do need to be lap size, not bed quilts or little tiny quilts. This size works as well for the elderly people in nursing homes as it does for babies in a battered women's center. This is a very Rewarding Charity and FMCA is leaving something in the local area for them to remember us with our gift to them.

RED HAT LADIES

Red Hat Ladies meal and show was a real good and enjoyable time. This was the first time many ladies have had such an experience. Looking at the pictures showed me that Charlie and I should have attended dressed for the occasion (Irene said we could attend). Irene & Sue you put together a great time for all.

THANKS to Chris Giordano and his staff for being an outstanding Host at Louisiana State fairgrounds, Shreveport, Louisiana. We hope they enjoy the FMCA commercial campground membership that we leave with them for hosting us. If you are in the area they want you to stop and stay with them.

THANKS to Shreveport – Bossier convention staff for all of their help before and during the rally.

THANKS to all Chapters, Vendors, Dealers and Individuals for donating Door Prizes.

THANKS to the Frustrated Maestros of the South Central Area for getting up early each morning to start the day with upbeat music, and for helping with anything to make a good rally.

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THANKS to the Six-State Rally Officers, Past President, National Officers and Cadres. Host Chapters were: Cruisin' Cajuns, Roughnecks, South Central Lucky Rollers and South Texas Rengades.

THANKS for volunteering to help make the Six-State Rally in Shreveport, Louisiana, a success. All the volunteers work very hard to make your rally a success. Smiles and being friendly with everybody helped make for a very good rally.

THANKS to the Coaches for Christ-South Central chapter for providing a non-denominational devotion each morning, and the newly forming South Central Roamin Catholics chapter for mass each evening. You all have done a good job and made a very needed function as part of the rally. What about the Sunday Services and the Grand Choir for the Hutchinson Rally? Let us know what you want.

THANKS go to our Rally Chaplain, Ron Wadley, for the Invocations.

THANKS to the FMCA Staff: Our thanks for all the help you gave us to making the 37th Six-State Rally in Shreveport, Louisiana. The registration was a great help to have a faster check-in, parking process and to help make the rally a big success.

NEWEST SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

Welcome the 50th chapter to South Central Area as they continue to grow in members. They attended the rally in Shreveport as a group. It was formed for Thousand Trails members in North Texas and Oklahoma at the Thousand Trails Preserve at Lake Texoma with the help of the Southern Region VP, Steve Pickens. Welcome our South Central Area newest Chapter, Thousand Trails/FMCA of Texoma. Their officers and members are working to add more members to their chapter.

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THE SIX-STATE RALLY OFFICERS ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2009 - 2011

Jack Bryan, Chairman
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DATES TO REMEMBER

85th FAMILY REUNION & MOTORHOME SHOWCASE, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, Georgia, March 14-17, 2011

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

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38th SIX-STATE RALLY, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas,
September 28 – October 1, 2011

PILOT FLYING J TRAVEL CENTERS

The new RV program consists of a brand-new discount program in over 550 nationwide locations. The program includes the following:

LOCATIONS	TYPE OF FUEL	DISCOUNT
Pilot and Flying J	Gas (RV or Auto Gas islands)	\$0.02
Pilot and Flying J	Diesel (RV or Auto Diesel islands)	\$0.03
Pilot and Flying J	Propane	\$0.10

This discount will be reflected on your receipt at the time of purchase. You will be eligible to receive your discount at both Flying J and Pilot RV and Auto islands effective September 1, 2010. You will also get ½ price on your dump fee with your loyalty card.

Also Pilot Flying J is currently in the process of applying the RV discount at the truck/diesel lanes at both Flying J and Pilot. Until this time, please feel free to use the RV lanes if you require diesel fuel.

If you currently have an RV Real Value Club Card, there is no need to get a new one. Your current card will receive all of these discounts starting September 1, 2010.

If you are a new customer and would like to receive a RV Real Value Club Card, simply ask a store associate at either a Pilot or Flying J for an RV Real Value Club Card. The cashier will gladly hand you a new RV Real Value Club Card and you can begin receiving discounts immediately.

FMCA MOTORHOME INSURANCE

FMCA has teamed with GMAC Insurance to offer preferred pricing through the FMCA Motorhome & Auto Insurance Plan. GMAC Insurance's specialized RV insurance protects you in ways ordinary auto insurance can't.

The FMCA Motorhome & Auto Insurance Plan provides specialized benefits that can save you thousands of dollars if you should have to file a claim. Benefits of the plan provide optional full replacement cost coverage, permanent attachment coverage, personal coverage and storage option.

Find out how much you can save with your FMCA member rate. For a free rate quote, visit www.gmacinsurance.com/FMCA or call 1-888-668-2661, Savings Code YS-2J.

FMCA SELECT REWARDS VISA CARD

FMCA's credit card program provides rebates or rewards to members as they make their purchases. The U.S. Bank credit card offers points that can be redeemed for cash, merchandise or air miles on any airline.

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With the U.S. Bank credit card, especially selected travel-and leisure-related merchandise is available as point rewards options. Merchandise can be selected from a list of program partners, or members can name their own rewards. If an FMCA member wants to purchase a product or service, the U.S. Bank rewards department will source the item and convert the dollar amount to points needed to make the purchase.

FMCA members can choose between Select Rewards and Platinum non-rewards cards. Both cards are designed with visuals that reflect the motorhome lifestyle and include the FMCA name. The cards come with no annual fee.

U.S. Bank credit card holders also qualify for the use of a free program called the U.S. Bank Shopping Mall. Customers can take advantage of tremendous savings when they use their U.S. Bank Visa Card. These offers and partner listings are changed and updated frequently.

Plus, with every Select Rewards Visa Card purchase, U.S. Bank will make a contribution to Family Motor Coach Association.

To apply for the card call (800) 853-5576.

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION

National Directors will soon receive a ballot for the Nominating Committee Elect. This group will take over as the Nominating Committee in August of 2011, after the Annual Membership Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. They are responsible for providing either a single or multiple candidate slate for the officer positions of President, Senior Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for FMCA.

Please return your mail ballot with your chapter's choices. The procedure for this election is in the *Member and Volunteer Handbook*, P&P #4008. Be sure to read the resumes carefully – this is a big job – make sure you elect the right people. The election results will be announced in December.

Lou & I wish each and every one of you and family very happy and enjoyable holidays. Yes, the year has gone by fast, but we have a lot to be thankful for. We love our motorhome lifestyle and we plan to continue enjoying it for years to come, having fun with all.

See you down the road.

Fred Kennedy

Fred & Lou Kennedy
South Central Area National Vice President
President of Six-State Rally Association

