

SIX-STATE RALLY

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FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER SPRING 2010

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South Texas Renegades
Southwinders
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Texans On Safari
Texas Prevosts
Texas Road Runners
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Thousand Trails/FMCA of Texoma
Tip-O-Tex
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Welcome to all with the Spring Chapter Rallies in full swing for the year. All chapters are making them lots of fun for members and new member guests.

Lou and I attended the 83rd Winter International Convention in Albuquerque, NM, March 22 – 25, 2010. While there I attended the Executive Board meeting and Convention Committee workshop. I was helping with the handicap and activity trams and handicap seating at the evening entertainment. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the convention. The weather was everything from rain, snow, sunshine and windy all in the same day. The convention attendance was down (total 1870) but the quality of convention was very good. All attendees enjoyed indoor exhibits, coach displays, seminars and great entertainment. We had a great time and missed many of you. Thanks to those who attended.

I just finished attending the Executive Board meeting and committee meetings in May at Cincinnati. We had to approve the 2011 budget going to the Governing Board for Redmond. Many hours went into completing all the documents. The Board is continuing to make changes to improve your association. New approaches to improve revenues and finding more and better benefits for members will help 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 2010 member recruitment effort rolling by introducing new families to FMCA. Your chapter received 5 free memberships to give to new members to join FMCA. If chapter members sign on 7 additional new members in 2010, the chapter receives a prize package to use at rallies. Each chapter can receive two prize packages for 2010. 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.

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 owners 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.

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Other Information

Thanks to the South Central Area members for attendance at the Chapter Fair and Area Gathering at the 83rd International Convention at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

84th International Convention in Redmond Oregon August 11 – 14, 2010 -- It's not too early to start planning for your chapter to be represented at the annual Governing Board meeting, voting on the 2011 budget and other important business. We need all Chapters from our South Central Area to be in attendance. See you there.

If your National Director or Alternate National Director cannot attend the international convention this time, 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 2010.

Don't miss the National Director and Alternate Director briefing the day before the Governing Board Meeting.

South Central Area communication committee for the newsletters and Web site for 2010 as follows:
South Central Web Site -- sca-fmca.com

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| Chairman | Darrell Gilliland | Cell phone 940-727-1800 |
| Past President | Tony Innocenti | Cell phone 361-648-3381 |
| Web Master | Jim Maynard | Cell phone 713-410-4634 |
| Past President | Jim Ammenheuser | Cell phone 409-201-2545 |

This 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 updated 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). 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 for Newsletters and Web sites at the Rally on the Red Area Rally, September 29 – October 3, 2010, in Shreveport, LA. Contact Chairman Darrell Gilliland to register for the contest by September 1, 2010: e-mail (darrell.gilliland@yahoo.com); phone (940-727-1800) for more information and help.

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 to e-mail rgould@fmca.com.

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

Reminder -- Help Us Save On Postage Cost

In our continued efforts to reduce mailing costs, if you have an e-mail address listed in your membership record, all chapter officer mailings will be sent to you electronically ONLY. If you need to ALSO receive this information via U.S. Postal Service delivery, please contact FMCA's Membership Department and let them know. Call 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622 or send an e-mail to membership@fmca.com. Please be sure to include your name and membership number in your e-mail message.

Back To The Rally On The Red

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 37th Six-State Rally in Shreveport, Louisiana, September 29 – October 3, 2010. 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. Registration has started with many already signed up and ready to go (as May 31 -- 179). It is time to register. Call FMCA, visit 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.

Chapter Anniversaries

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| Texas Road Runners | 03/17/10 | 20 years | Celebrated 03/12/10 |
| Caprock Cruisers | 04/01/10 | 10 years | Celebrated 04/10/10 |
| Sooner Coaches | 05/21/10 | 5 years | Celebrated 04/16/10 |
| Hi Plains | 11/16/10 | 25 years | Celebrate 08/21/10 |
| Coaches for Christ-SC | 09/28/10 | 5 years | Celebrate 09/30/10 |
| Frustrated Maestros-SC | 10/26/10 | 25 years | Celebrate 09/30/10 |
| Cruisin' Cajuns | 11/07/10 | 40 years | Celebrate 11/21/10 |
| Gateway Piasas | 06/01/10 | 25 years | |

I need the dates and location you are going to celebrate your anniversary so I can schedule to attend your rally.

Chapter Visits

Lou & I are trying to visit as many chapters as we can in the coming 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 not made visits to some chapters, and in the next year we want to make all those that we have not visited. Please send them to: fkennedy@fmca.com.

Lou & I have started the year 2010 with chapter visits as follows:

January 2 – 6, 2010 – Six-State Year Planning Executive Board Meeting, Shreveport, Louisiana
January 7 – 11, 2010 – Thousand Trails Of Texas Chapter Rally, Willis, Texas
March 6 – 7, 2010 – Thousand Trails Of Texas Chapter Rally, Colorado River, Columbus, Texas
March 8 – 11, 2010 – Texas Roadrunners 20th Anniversary Rally, Terrell, Texas
March 12 – 14, 2010 – Red River Rovers Chapter Rally, Burleson, Texas
March 16 – 26, 2010 – International Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 9 – 10, 2010 – Cap Rock Cruisers 5th Anniversary Chapter Rally, Amarillo, Texas
April 15 – 16, 2010 – Sooner Coaches 5th Anniversary Chapter Rally, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 17, 2010 – Thousand Trails/FMCA of Texoma, New Chapter Rally, Gordonville, Texas
April 18 – 21, 2010 – Six-State Area Planning Rally, Shreveport, Louisiana
April 22 – 23, 2010 – Six-State Ambassador Rally, Shreveport Louisiana
April 27 – 30, 2010 – Rally in the Pasture Chapter Rally, Searcy, Arkansas
May 1 – 7, 2010 – Executive Board Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio

Scheduled Visits:

June 14 – 18, 2010 – Arkansas Travelers Chapter Rally, Carthage, Missouri
June 24 – 27, 2010 – Ozark Ridge Runners Chapter Rally, Carthage, Missouri
August 5 – 15, 2010 – International Convention, Redmond, Oregon

P.S. Have each of you signed up your new FMCA Member for 2010. If not it is time to go to work now. You have to ask!!

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Dates to Remember

84th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Deschutes County Fair & Expo, Redmond, Oregon
August 11 – 14, 2010

36th SIX-STATE RALLY, Rally on the Red, State Fair of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana
September 29 – October 3, 2010

GMAC Insurance

GMAC has become a partner with FMCA and as a result, they are offering special rates on RV and Auto insurance for FMCA members. If you are interested, 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.

New Chapter

Welcome the new 50th Chapter for the South Central Area: THOUSAND TRAILS/FMCA OF TEXOMA. They are always welcoming new chapter members. If interested please let the new president, Roy Bevers, F334966 know at: Home Phone 817-292-7943. He will show you how to have fun in North Texas.

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

