

SIX-STATE RALLY



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FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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Gateway Getaways
Gateway Piasas
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GMC Flatlanders
Gulf Coast Loafers
Happy (OK) Wanderers
Heart of America Coachmen
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Kansas Twisters
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Midwest Prairie Schooners
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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 Lucky Rollers
South Central Wanderers
South Central Winnies
South Texas Renegades
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 2009

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 rallies lots of fun for members and new member guests.

Lou and I attended the 82nd International Convention in Bowling Green, Ohio, July 20 – 23, 2009. While there I attended the Executive Board and Governing Board meetings and Convention Committee workshop. All Executive Board members have a job to do during the convention. I again worked with the handicap and activity trams captain and with handicap seating at the nightly entertainment. The weather started out good, but we had to cancel one night of entertainment due to rain. All had a great time at the convention.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

I would like to thank all chapter national directors attending the board meeting in Bowling Green. We have 48 chapters, of which 38 were in attendance to help plan the future of your association. The budget for the next year was worked on and approved with MEDEX in the budget. With all line items checked and rechecked, we have a good budget for the coming year. We should all thank them for their long 12-hour day of 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. The South Central Area has been challenged by the Northeast Area that they will get more new members than we do. We cannot let this happen as we are better at getting new members. 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.

POW WOW RALLY SHAWNEE

You still have time to come to the rally, September 23-26, 2009, and bring your friends. We don't want you to miss out on the good old-fashioned fun with your FMCA family. It's going to be something special with many things to do and places to see. Don't miss this fun time. See you there!

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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. Look at the August magazine. We have two South Central Area chapters in it. It is good that the chapters are working to increase members and using every chance to pick up new members. Where are your write-ups of what is happening in your chapter? E-mail to rgould@fmca.com.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

We now have a working South Central Area Communication Committee for the newsletters and Web site as follows:

Chairman	Darrell Gilliland
Committee Consultant	Tony Innocenti
Web Master	Jim Maynard
Web and Newsletter Member	Irene Renfro

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.

Send your newsletter and Web site information for this year's contest at the Pow Wow Rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Be sure to enter your newsletter and Web site to the committee for the contest. The committee will review all entries received for the contest and the winners will be awarded the prizes at the rally. Go to the South Central Web site for information about the area--www.sca-fmca.com. If you like what you see on the Web or want to help the committee with the upgrade, contact Chairman Darrell Gilliland, darrell.gilliland@yahoo.com, for more information and help.

SOUTH CENTRAL ANNUAL MEETING

The South Central Annual meeting will be held at the Shawnee, Oklahoma, Rally on Saturday, September 26th, 2009. 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. Be sure your chapter has a voice at the meeting. Ten chapters did not have representation in Bowling Green, which is not good for your chapter members. Someone could have attended. We will have an election for the following: Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee members (3). The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names:

Senior Vice President	Charlie Adcock
Secretary	Irene Renfro
Treasurer	Dan Couch

Also, anyone can run from the floor for any of the above jobs. All elected will take office January 1, 2010, for a 2-year term.

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CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

Cotton Country Travelers	5/27/09	5 years	May 2009 Celebration
Gulf Coast Loafers	1/17/09	20 years	
River City Travelers	1/21/09	20 years	January 2009 Celebration
Southwinders	1/14/09	20 years	
South Central Bus Nuts	7/1/09	25 years	March 2009 Celebration
South Texas Renegades	4/1/09	30 years	October 2009 Celebration
Heart of America Coachmen	7/23/09	40 years	August 2009 Celebration

I did not receive a date from two chapters as to when they are celebrating their anniversary. They will receive their certificate at the Six-State Rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma. I plan to attend the Heart of America Coachmen and South Texas Renegades anniversary chapter rallies. Next year we will have a new group of chapters to celebrate each 5 years 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.

FMCA CHAPTER AND CONVENTION VISITS MADE IN 2009 BY LOU & I AS FOLLOWS:

January 3 – 7, 2009 – South Central Executive Board Workshop, Beaumont, TX
January 11 – 13, 2009 – Chapter Rally for Thousand Trails Of Texas, Willis, Texas
January 21 – 25, 2009 – Chapter 20th Anniversary Rally River City Travelers
February 3 – 9, 2009 – Southeast Area Rally, Brooksville, FL
February 12 –15, 2009 – South Central Area Rally site for 2010, Shreveport, LA
February 15 – 25, 2009 – Chapter Rally for the Roughnecks, Lake Charles, LA
March 10 – 20, 2009 – International Convention, Georgia Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
March 25 – 29 2009 – Anniversary Rally South Central Bus Nuts, Lometa, TX
April 1 – 5, 2009 – Chapter Rally for Rally in the Pasture, Searcy, AR
April 5 – 9, 2009 – Area Planning Rally, Shawnee, OK
April 9 – 10, 2009 – South Central Area Ambassador Rally, Shawnee, OK
April 16 – 19, 2009 – Chapter Rally for Ozark Prairie Sooners, Nevada, MO
April 23 – 26, 2009 – Chapter Rally for Gateway Getaway, Montgomery City, MO
May 1 – 9, 2009 – National Executive Board Meeting, Cincinnati, OH
June 1 – 4, 2009 – South Central Area Rally site visit, Shawnee, OK
June 10 – 14, 2009 – Chapter Rally for Midwest Prairie Schooners, Melvern, KS
June 17 – 21, 2009 – Midwest Area Rally, Albert Lea, MN
June 23 – 27, 2009 – Chapter Rally for Covered Wagons, Smithville, MO
July 14 – 24, 2009 – International Convention, Bowling Green, OH
August 20 – 23, 2009 – 40th Anniversary Rally Heart of America Coachmen, Platte, MO

DATES TO REMEMBER

36TH SIX-STATE RALLY, Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma,
September 23 - 26, 2009

83RD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, EXPO New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March
22 - 25, 2010

84TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Deschutes County Fair & Expo, Redmond, Oregon,
August 11 - 14, 2010

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POW WOW RALLY

The Wagon Master and Six-State Officers, Cadre and Host Chapters are working to have a great rally. This is a country type of rally. It has so many things to see and do you will have trouble working it all into your time schedule. 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 with ice cream at the 36th Six-State Rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma, September 23 – 26, 2009. Please plan to attend this fun rally (put it on your schedule now); it will be nothing like you have ever seen before. Registration has started with many already signed up and ready to go. It is time to register. Call FMCA at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622; visit FMCA.com; or take a look at the June, July and August *FMC* magazine issues. Send in your registration form now!!! Don't miss the fun. See you there.

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

