

SIX-STATE RALLY



ASSOCIATION, INC.

FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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Frustrated Maestros-South Central
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Gateway Piasas
GMC Classics
GMC Flatlanders
Gulf Coast Cruisers
Gulf Coast Loafers
Happy (OK) Wanderers
Heart of America Coachmen
Heartland Execs.
Hi Plains
Kansas Twisters
Lone Star
Midwest Prairie Schooners
Monaco Wan-Na-Go's
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
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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER FALL 2008

Thank you for your support and confidence 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 to help all chapters with information and assistance needed to increase membership. All of us together can make the South Central Area the best and have 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 80th International Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, and had a great time meeting many new 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. A total of 39 South Central Area Chapters were represented for a total of 80% representation. 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 were mailed August 28, 2008.

35th SIX-STATE RALLY

The 35th Six-State Rally was held at North Little Rock, Arkansas, Sept. 24-29. The weather was warm during the day; cooling off some at night. The view at night was something to talk about -- all the lights and the river view into downtown Little Rock. All rally members had plenty to see and do while at the rally.

Attendance:	Family Coaches	836	First Time	391
	Vendor Live In	36		
	Indoor Vendors	53		
	Display Coaches	80		
Total Count		1005		

The four nights of entertainment in the Dickey Stephen Ball Park, with the scoreboard flashing FMCA, were very good and well attended. Seminars were well attended as well as all indoor vendors at the Rally Mall and outside exhibitors of display coaches. Dealers sold 22 coaches during the rally with many still working after we left.

The Six State Rally Association Officers and I would like to apologize for the problems with early arrival parking. We asked for you to come early and when you showed up we could not park you as fast as you were coming in.

We were expecting to have 380 coaches come in on Monday and 450 actually showed up to park. The parking was in big trouble by noon on Monday and never recovered till late Tuesday. We are very sorry for all the problems each and every one had early on. Many Chapters could not get parked together if they didn't come in together as room to move around was not possible. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

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NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS

Checks were presented to the four winners identified below. The judges picked the following winners.

- 1st Place - \$75.00 WesTex - Paula Hicks, Editor
- 2nd Place - \$25.00 Country Coach Texans - Peggy Fink, Editor
- 3rd Place - \$25.00 Ozark Ridge Runners - Joan Wimberly, Editor
- 4th Place - \$25.00 Happy (OK) Wanderers - Earl Powell, Editor

WEB SITES CONTEST WINNERS

Checks were presented to the three winners identified below. The judges picked the following winners.

- 1st Place - \$50.00 National R.V. Central States
- 2nd Place - \$25.00 Midwest Prairie Schooners
- 3rd Place - \$25.00 Monaco Wan-Na-Go's - Jan Erickson, Web Master
- Honorable Mention - Covered Wagons - Loretta Marlow, Web Master
Kansas Twisters - Loretta Marlow, Web Master

GOLF SCRAMBLE

63 golfers enjoyed the morning golf scramble at Burns Park on Thursday. It turned out to be a very special day for Cliff Osmer who had a Hole-in-One on the 8th hole.

NEW SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

Welcome the 50th chapter to South Central Area. It was formed at the North Little Rock Rally with the help of the Southern Region VP, Dave Davies. The newest Chapter is South Central Lucky Rollers. Officers are as follows:

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FMCA CHAPTER FAIR

FMCA's 81st International Convention will once again hold a Chapter Fair in Perry, Georgia, on Monday, March 16, 2009, 9:30 am – 11:00 am. This is an excellent opportunity to gain new members for your chapter. To reserve your table space, contact Penny Gortemiller by 2/13/09 at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622 or e-mail: pgortemiller@fmca.com.

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RESULT OF THE SIX-STATE RALLY OFFICERS ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Fred Kennedy, President
Ben Loganbill, Sr. Vice President & Wagon Master
Charlie Adcock, Northern Region Vice President
Steve Pickens, Southern Region Vice President
Irene Renfro, Secretary
Tom Drennon, Treasurer
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- The Charity Quilt area that we had in North Little Rock was wonderful. Because of the facilities, we were able to turn it into an actual quilt display. This time everyone had a chance to look at every quilt. We tried to display the patriotic quilts together since these were going to Brooke Army Medical Center for their "Quilt of Valor" program. We have had a wonderful chance to give to this for the past three years. Because our quilt count was not high this past rally (264), we were only able to send 37 quilts to San Antonio. Desi Gipson was there with a well-stocked area representing the Quilt Blossom Quilt Shop. There were two amazing bead companies represented as well. Kittie Finch from Kittie's Kreations was there as well as Penny Harper with the Argenta Bead Company. All three shops were there to give demonstrations and to answer all questions that people came with.
- September 27th started out being a very informative day for all of us. Sharon Eversmann gave a fabulous presentation on making small quilts. We had 50 chairs for her presentation and every one of them was filled. The quilt social that was put on that afternoon by Q.U.E.S.T. Quilters and the Arkansas Quilt Guild was wonderful. Members of both guilds gave demonstrations on everything from "English Paper Piecing" to "How to Color Your Quilt with Crayolas." They provided cookies, cakes, bread, dips and chips. There was so much food that we were able to share a two-day supply with the commercial vendors. In addition to the demonstrations and the food, several people brought award-winning quilts for everyone to look at. The room was packed but no one seemed to mind; all had a good time and everyone is looking forward to the charity quilts in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- Ann Bailey, the Quilt Area Chairperson, has great news for everyone. Rosa Truhe and her husband, Tom, F288221 have donated fabric to be used for quilts for 2009. There are 24 boxes of beautiful quilting fabric ready to be used. There are 16 boxes weighing 15 to 20 pounds and 8 boxes weighing 30 to 35 pounds. Ann is happy to ship them to your chapter for you to use for the rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Don't worry- she has offered to ship them at her expense. Just e-mail her at txberry@netzero.com and she will get them right off to you.
- 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. The quilt count was down for the North Little Rock Rally. Let's try to get it back up for Shawnee. 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 cruise and meal on the Queen was a real good and enjoyable time. This was the first time they have had such an experience. Looking at the pictures showed me, I should have attended as one other man dressed for the occasion. Irene & Sue, you will not be able to top this year's outing.

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 and Cadres.

Host Chapters were: Covered Wagons, Pelican Travelers, Rally in the Pasture, Same Ole Buddies, South Central Wanderers, and Texas Road Runners chapters.

Thank you for volunteering to help make the SIX-STATE RALLY at North Little Rock, Arkansas, a success. All the volunteers worked very hard to make your rally a success. There were smiles, and being friendly with everybody helped make for a very good rally.

Thanks to the COACHES FOR CHRIST - SOUTH CENTRAL for providing a Non-Denominational Devotion each morning. What about the Sunday Services and the Grand Choir from all the different chapters? You done good, George and Ron.

Thanks go to our Rally Chaplin, Ron Wadley, for the Invocations.

To the FMCA Staff: Our thanks for all the help you gave us in making the 35th Six-State Rally in North Little Rock, Arkansas, a success. The new registration was a great help to have a faster check-in process.

E-MAIL NOTICE FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter Officers can now choose to receive chapter officer mailings (including this newsletter) electronically versus US Postal Service mail. There will be some mailings that require USPS mail, however, FMCA would like to send you as many of these mailings as possible electronically as this will be a great cost savings to FMCA. If you choose this option, you will receive an e-mail notification that contains a direct link to the information on the FMCA Web site. To take advantage of this service, you will need to do three things: 1. Make sure you have created an FMCA.com Sign In account; 2. Verify that your e-mail address in your FMCA membership record is current; and 3. Notify FMCA's Membership Department that you would like to "opt out" of receiving officer mailings by USPS. Call 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622 or send an e-mail to membership@fmca.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2009

81st INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS, PERRY, GEORGIA, MARCH 16-19, 2009

82nd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, WOOD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO, JULY 20 - 23, 2009

36th SIX-STATE RALLY, HEART OF OKLAHOMA EXPOSITION CENTER AT SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2009

Lou & I wish each and every one of you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving 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
President of Six-State Rally Association

