FMCA's South Central Area

SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION, INC.





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February 2019 South Central Area Newsletter

It is a New Year and all the challenges of 2018 are behind us. We all look forward to 2019 and the good times we are sure to have with our FMCA friends. Fun rallies and interesting travel will welcome us in the coming year. With that in mind, I asked each of the SRA Officers to give us a brief comment on what was completed in 2018 and what they hope to accomplish in 2019. I am sure you will find this interesting.

FMCA announced several new programs recently. Hankook tires will offer very good discounts on tires for your RV, light truck, and automobile. The RV Pet Safety monitor will give you peace of mind while you are away from your RV. Several other member programs are available also. Check them out on the FMCA website.

The South Central Area has a website also (sca-fmca.com). Our webmaster is Jamie Gallego and he is keeping the website up to date. Most items are simply point and click and you can find the latest info on rallies as well as pictures from past rallies. If you think of something else that would be interesting to our members, call me or send me an email and I will give it to Jamie to see if it can be included on the web.

Our next rally will be in Shreveport, LA, and is named "A FAIR TO REMEMBER." We are still working on a lot of the details, but they will be published on our website as soon as they are finalized. Registration opens the 11th of March and 50-amp electricity is on a first-registered, first-served, limited basis. There is plenty of 30-amp electric available.

Dates To Remember

March 13-16, 2019

August 14-17, 2019

September 18-21, 2019

March 26-29, 2020

September 16-19, 2020

October 6-9, 2021

FMCA's 99th Convention, Perry, GA

FMCA's 100th Convention, Minot, ND

46th Six-State Rally, Shreveport, LA

FMCA's 101st Convention, Tucson, AZ

47th Six-State Rally, Shawnee, OK

48th Six-State Rally, Hutchinson, KS

I would like to visit each Chapter this year. Please send your Chapter rally schedule to me and if possible, I will try to see you in the near future. My travels to National events and meetings may keep me from making some rallies, but I will do my best to make as many as possible, as time permits.

ELECTION YEAR This is an election year, for National, the South Central Area, and the Six-State Rally Association. It is important that you or your Chapter participate in these elections so your vote for our organization can be counted.

FIRST On a National level, there will be an election at Minot, ND, for President, Sr. Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. You should look at the qualifications of each candidate and guide your Chapter National Director in who to vote for. You should also make sure the Chapter is represented at Minot, ND, to vote on these very important positions.

SECOND In the South Central Area there is to be an election for National Area Vice President. I have one more term (2 years) that I can serve in that position and will accept the position if nominated and elected. Anyone wishing to serve as NAVP should contact a Chapter National Director so he/she can nominate you before February 28th. The ballots will be mailed in March. I will assist anyone wishing to serve.

<u>THIRD</u> There will be an election of the Six-State Officers in September at the Shreveport Rally. These offices are Sr. Vice President/Rally Master, Southern Region Vice President, Northern Region Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of the current officers are willing to serve another term, if nominated. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, go to our website at sca-fmca.com, check out the requirements, and submit your resume to the nominating committee chairman, Charlie Adcock at ceadcock45@gmail.com. Nominations and election will be held at the governing board meeting Saturday afternoon of the Shreveport Rally.

My immediate schedule includes Perry in March where I hope to see many of you. There will be an area gathering so check the schedule when you arrive in order to meet your fellow area members, get the latest news and have some light refreshments. After Perry we have a planning meeting in Shreveport to see what can be done to make our rally as fun as possible. The Captains of each area will plan everything in advance to make the rally go as smoothly as can be managed. Then I go to Cincinnati, OH, for the Executive Board meeting followed by a trip to the 100th Convention in Minot, ND. There are also Chapter Anniversaries and Chapter Visitations to be included on weekends. I don't think my rig will slow down in the next few months.

Should you have any questions, just write, email or call and I will do my best to get the answer for you. If I don't know the answer, I will find it out and get back to you. If you don't have questions, just stop, chat and visit for a while. It's always good to get to visit with someone.

TRAVEL SAFE, have fun and enjoy this great land of ours. It always amazes me how much there is to see and do while we are traveling. Remember, yesterday is gone, today is a fact, and tomorrow is a promise. Get out and enjoy yourself.

J. Wright

Joe S. Wright

FMCA National Vice President, South Central Area

President, Six-State Rally Association

HERMAN MULLINS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/RALLY MASTER, SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all this New Year. Bobbie and I hope you all had a good Christmas and a safe New Year.

Does it seem like 19 years ago that the world was worried that all of our computers would crash and our world as we knew it would come to a screeching halt? Not to me; it seems like it was yesterday. My how times flies.

It is now 2019 and your Executive Board has already met in Shreveport, LA, where we shored up the year's schedule and made plans for next year. This year we will be holding the Six-State Rally at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds. Are you ready for Seafood, Gumbo, or Red Beans and Rice? Bobbie and I sure are.

In 2020 we will be taking the Rally to Shawnee, OK, to the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, where we always have a great time. In 2021, we will be going to Hutchinson, KS, to the Kansas State Fairgrounds. It's been some time since we have been there, and we are looking to having a great Rally.

We have planned our locations and dates far out for several reasons. First, it gives our Chapters a chance to plan their Rallies without conflicting with Six-State. Second, by planning way ahead of time, your Six-State Rally Association gets ahead of the other areas and gets the dates we want.

Your Six-State Rally Association, Cadre, and Executive Board are working hard to make sure this and all future Rallies are great successes.

I would like to thank all FMCA Family members and especially those of the Six-State Rally Association for supporting and volunteering to make each of our Rallies memorable. Thanks, be safe, and I hope to each of you in Shreveport Sept. 18-21, 2019.

Herman Mullins Six-State Rally Association Senior Vice President/Rally Master

<u>HERMAN ALSUP</u> VICE PRESIDENT - SOUTHERN REGION, SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

I am Herman Alsup, VP of Six-State Rally, Southern Region. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2018 was a busy year for me and my wife, Mitzi. We attended 10 club rallies, plus Six-State and the International Convention in Perry, Georgia. We logged a little over 9,000 miles in 2018. We met a lot of very nice people, and had a lot of great food, as always.

Right now I am working on my 2019 schedule and hope we can visit at least 10 clubs, if the schedule permits.

The Executive Board had a very productive meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, the first week in January. We are preparing for a great Six-State Rally at the State Fairgrounds in Shreveport, September 18 through 21, 2019.

We have a lot of new ideas that are in the works for this rally. So please check your calendar and reserve the September dates. We would enjoy seeing as many of you as possible in Shreveport in September.

I will have more updates on the September rally as time goes on and we get closer to September.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as the VP of the Southern Region of Six-State Rally Association.

If I can be of service or answer any questions for any of you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Herman Alsup

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<u>L. B. BUTTS</u> NORTHERN AREA VICE PRESIDENT – SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

Hello to all my friends and fellow RVers. Another year and holiday season have come and gone. Here we are in 2019 with a whole new lineup of rallies and adventures waiting.

First of January the Executive Board met in Shreveport to work on events and shows for the South Central Rally in Shreveport, LA, September $18^{th} - 21^{st}$, 2019. This is going to be an exciting and fun-filled rally. Registration forms are available on the website and open for this rally on March 11^{th} .

FMCA is hosting 2 conventions this year. The first is the 99^{th} International Convention and RV Expo being held in Perry, GA, March $13^{th}-16^{th}$. Summer of 2019 is the second and the 100^{th} International Convention in Minot, ND, the magic city. Dates are August $14^{th}-17^{th}$.

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year. If you have any questions pertaining to rallies or volunteer opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Safe Travels,

L. B. Butts

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<u>DIANNA HUFF</u> SECRETARY, SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

Larry and I are hoping for a better year; keeping him out of the hospital and on the road would be good. We are wanting to visit some of the chapters, along with the International Conventions in Perry, GA, in March and Minot, ND, in August.

We have started planning the September Rally for Six-State with a fair atmosphere that we hope you will enjoy. Ladies, we still need the quilts. Half will go to the Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, TX, and the other half to the Shreveport/Bossier Rescue Mission. We will need all sizes (children, adults, & lap blankets for wheelchairs). The money we collect from the 50/50 raffle will also go to the Rescue Mission to help with the needs of children in homeless families.

Remember, we will need volunteers for the September Six-State Rally. We have quite a few different kinds of jobs to pick from, such as parking, trams, seminars, security, food, Info desk, and crafts, just to name a few.

Hope to see you somewhere this year.

CONNIE POOL TREASURER, SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

It has been a very busy year for me learning all the ins and outs of the financial requirements for our Association and all the various reports we file and with whom and how often. I have audited many organizations before, but this is my first time having to do all the work involved in maintaining our finances and I am having a blast doing it.

This year is going to be another exciting year. I will be attending the South East Area (SEA) Rally in February in Lakeland, FL. I am in charge of the FMCA Booth and have a stack of SRA Shreveport Rally brochures to pass out before it is posted on FMCA's web page. Hope to get some of the Mississippi and Alabama folks to come join us in September at our "A Fair to Remember."

I am available to assist all chapter treasurers in any way I can. I am full-timing in my motorhome and can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 361-779-3629 or e-mail at usmcpools1@gmail.com.

Just a reminder, each chapter needs to file IRS tax form 990 (electronic filing) for tax year 2018. Dianna Mitts from the FMCA office sent out instructions on how to file. If you didn't receive the notice or need help, contact me at the above information or Dianna Mitts at dmitts@fmca.com or 513-474-3622.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Perry (again) in March, in Minot, ND (Why Not Minot), in August and then in Shreveport in September. Peace and safe travels.