

FMCA's South Central Area SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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February 2018 South Central Newsletter

The SRA Oficers met in Beaumont January $2^{nd} - 5^{th}$. Talk about an early start on the year, we discussed schedules, Shawnee rally, Chapter visits, returning to Beaumont for a rally and other Association business. The dedication of your Officers are to be commended since they are working on your behalf.

Our SRA and the New Officers are: Herman Mullins – Sr, V.P., Herman Alsup – Southern V.P., L. B. Butts – Northern V.P., Dianna Huff – Secretary, Connie Poole – Treasurer, Rod Sartwell – Immediate Past President. Each has given a statement for this newsletter and I intend to featire esch of the positions in an upcoming newsletter.

As of this letter spring has not sprung but its getting close. Perry Georgia is just aroud the corner with Gillette hot on its heels. Perry has 2700 rigs registered and Gillette has 570 registered and we are 6 months out. Its not too late to register for either and you can avoid setting with your friends listining to what a good time they had at the rally while you sat at home.

The Hurricane relief fund brought in \$7000.00 to help those FMCA members with losses from hurricane Harvey. All monies were disbursed prior to the holiday season. The Gillies had an article in the February Magazine thanking each of you for your support. You certainly know how to brighten peoples day. Thanks to each of you for your efforts.

Dates To Remember

March 15 – 18, 2018 July 18 – 22, 2018 September 19 – 22, 2018 97th International Convention – Perry, GA 98th International Convention – Gillette, WY 45th Six State Rally – Shawnee, OK



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Let me begin by saying Happy Anniversary to all SCA SRA Chapter's with an Anniversary this year.

15 th	
Bluebonnet Travelers	October
20 th	
Texan on Safar	May
25 th	
Ozark Prairie Sooners	March
Monaco Wan-na-Go's	October
30 th	
South Central Wanderers October	
40 th	
Westex	July
45 th	
Arkansas Travelers	July

One or more of the EB plan on visiting each of the Chapters to make presentations and wish them a Happy Anniversary.

Texarkana was a great Rally with 318 coaches attending. I hope everyone had as good a time as your Executive Board did.

After the Rally some of the SRA members went to Shreveport to volunteer at the Louisiana State Fair which we have done before. This year was an experience to say the least. Of the 5 coaches 10 out of 10 of the folks came down with some sort of the flu.

Your Executive Board met in January and began planning for the September 19-22, 2018 "Painted Ponies" Rally in Shawnee Oklahoma. Mark your Calendars.

Hope to see you in Perry!

Herman Mullins

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I'd like to take this opportunity to "Thank SRA" for allowing me to serve as Vice-President of the Northern Region and a big "Thank You" to the members for their support.

Another Holiday Season has come and gone. Carol and I hope all of you had a great time with your families and friends. We left home the 28th of December headed to Galveston for the winter. Before arriving, we stopped at the SRA Executive Board meeting in Beaumont, Texas. After 4 days of meetings, the road to the 2018 Six State Rally "PAINTED PONIES" in Shawnee is underway!!!

Carol and I then proceeded to Conroe, Texas, spent a week with the South Texas Renegades and attended their January Rally. We then departed to South Louisiana for the Cruisin' Cajun rally. Both groups were most hospitable and a pleasure to visit with. We made it to Galveston on the 28th of January and will be here till early March.

A lot of new and exciting information is coming from FMCA. The vote on towable, the Road Service program, the Verizon Mobile Hot Spot, as well as new tire services and many other new opportunities.

The 97th International Convention is at Perry, Georgia - March 15-18 and the 98th International Convention is at Gillette, Wyoming – July 18-21. Check our South Central web site at sca-fmca.com and FMCA's web site at fmca.com for the latest information.

Safe Travels, hope to see ya'll in Perry, Georgia!

LB Butts

Herman Alsup SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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My wife, Mitzi, and I joined the Hi-Plains Chapter of FMCA in 2009 shortly after moving from Austin, Texas to Lubbock, Texas. We had both retired and wanted to do more traveling in our motorhome than we had the opportunity to do while working. I have served as the Vice-President and President of Hi-Plains, the Vendor Captain of 6-State for 6 years, and now as the Vice-President of the Southern Region. Mitzi is the Captain for the FMCA Merchandise Booth.

We purchased our first motorhome from a friend who getting out of motor homing. We primarily used it to go visit family and take the occasional trip. Since we were both working we didn't have much opportunity to make use of it. While living in Austin we were members of FMCA but not a chapter. When we moved to Lubbock, we lived in our motorhome part time while building our house. It was in Lubbock that we joined the Hi-Plains chapter of FMCA based in Amarillo. That was probably one of the best moves we have made concerning our motorhome.

We have traveled more since joining this group and we enjoy the friendships we have made while being in this chapter. Since joining Hi-Plains we have sold our first motorhome and bought another, newer motorhome.

We hope to be able to visit each of the chapters in the Southern Region at least once during my tenure. I am anxious to get to know the members of the various chapters. My goal is to keep each chapter informed of the benefits of FMCA that perhaps you were not aware of and to help you get better use of the services from FMCA. I am in the process of setting up my calendar for 2018. As soon as I have it firmed up, I will let each chapter know in advance of our visit.

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

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Larry and I came late to FMCA, we didn't hear about the association until after we had purchased our third motorhome in 2004.

We have had more fun and have made more friends in the past 12 years than we had when we were working and living in our home for 30 years.

We both enjoy working at the National rallies, as well as the Area rallies. I am hoping as your new secretary to help get more people excited and interested in coming and getting involved in our area rally.

I still have a lot to learn about my new job and hope you will bear with me while I learn. If you have any questions or suggestions, I hope you let me know. Hope to see you all at the Six State Rally this year.

Dianna Huff

Connie Poole SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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I am honored to be your Treasurer for the next two years. I am available to assist all chapter treasurers in any way I can. I am full-timing in my motor home 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 2017. 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 <u>dmitts@fmca.com</u> or 513-474-3622.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Perry in March and then in Shawnee in September. Peace and safe travels.

Connie

Rod Sartwell SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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FMCA and the South Central Area are in good hands. Ethel and I served at the Chapter, Area and National levels of FMCA over the past twelve plus years ending with the crown jewel as Area Vice President.

During that time, numerous changes in leadership and policy reshaped our organization into what it is today, including towables becoming a positive part of a motor home association.

Our membership is growing monthly. Registrations for 2018 National Rallies in Perry, Georgia and Gillett, Wyoming are trending upward.

Overall growth clearly indicates our National, Area and Chapter Officers, a dedicated staff in Cincinnati, and involved membership have things under control ensuring a positive future for FMCA.

Rod Sartwell