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The National Oficers met in Cincinatti May 7th – 11th. Most of our discussions centered around the budget for 2019. For the first time in many years we actually finished the meeting with a positive budget. That means we will not have to use investment funds to operate and pay our bills and reflects the fact that FMCA is becoming stronger and stronger each day.

Another matter receiving much discussion was benefits and what we could do to improve those benefits for our members. Gas/deisel discount cards, medical benefits for those that travel, campground or park discounts were discussed and these along with many other benefits are looking positive for the future.

As I write this letter spring has sprung and summer is well on its way. Perry Georgia had 2928 units present and was one of the best rallies I had ever attended. Gillette Wyoming has 1500 rigs registered and promises to be better than Perry was. Join us and see great entertainment, beautiful western countryside, friends and have a darn good time. More information will be in the June Family RVing Magazine.

We have a "SPECIAL" treat in store at our rally in Shawnee this September. We will have John & Brenda Nejedlo there and they will set up telescopes to view the Moon and Stars (weather permitting) and you can view them for free. They will also be giving a telescope away. They are on pages 82-83 of the March 2018 Family Motorcoaching Magazine.

Dates To Remember

July 18 – 22, 2018

98th International Convention – Gillette, WY September 19 – 22, 2018 45th Six State Rally – Shawnee, OK

Don't forget our website Go to sca-fmca.com for details. Vendors are registered, crafts on line and advance rally information is available. There is also a listing of all evening entertainment.

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Nancy & Joe

NOTE: This is an example of the work our Six State Officers do. They try their best to visit the Chapters in their area. It requires a lot of work, dedication and many, many miles. *Joe Wright*

Mitzi and I have visited 3 clubs so far. They are

Red River Rovers in Wichita Falls at Coyote Ranch RV Resort Happy OK Wanderers in Durant, OK at Choctaw KOA Thousand Trails of Texas in Lake Texoma at Thousand Trails RV Park

We are scheduled to visit Lone Star next week at Coffee Creek RV Resort in Santo, Texas.

Of the 3 clubs we have visited we had a great reception from everyone. They appreciated our coming and pleased that we attended their rally. I took applications for 6-State Rally and several other handouts that I obtained from FMCA regarding the benefits offered as members. I gave the officers the officer handbooks which all of them commented they were glad to receive. Several commented that they had never received one of these handbooks before.

We stayed and visited and took part in all of the activities of the club. Everyone seemed to appreciate that we were there and taking part in the rally activities. Several commented that in the past when an officer visited, they would come in on Friday afternoon, attend the business meeting on Saturday and leave Saturday afternoon. Some felt that in the past, the officers had seemed unapproachable and seemed disinterested in the activities of the club.

A few people have never been to a 6-State Rally and asked questions about what the rallies consisted of. Some people who had attended rallies in the past said that they were reluctant to come again because they had gone to the rally when their chapter was a host. As a result, they felt like all they did was work and did not have an opportunity to get to enjoy the activities, the seminars, and the vendor booths.

Before we left several people took applications and said they were going to plan on attending 6-State this year. Some even said they were going to volunteer.

At each chapter business meeting I got up and said a few words about our 6-State Rally and gave out my card. I told them that if they had any questions, not to hesitate to contact me. I explained I might not be able to answer their question but I would help them get in touch with someone who could do so. I took pictures with their officers. I'm going to forward those pictures to Cincinnati and hopefully get some of them published in the FMCA magazine.

With next weeks rally at Santo, I have 7 rallies booked for the rest of the year. In addition, we will visit 3 clubs at 6-State in September. Those are the **Roamin' Catholics, Frustrated Maestros, and Pelican Travelers**. Some of the clubs I could not arrange a date to attend a rally in 2018 but have told them I would get there next year. I have contacted, via e-mail or letter, all the chapters in Texas, Louisiana, and the southern area of Oklahoma. That was before L.B. agreed to take Louisiana. I have a response from most of the chapters. Their responses were one of surprise and pleasure that I had contacted them.

This is my report for the rallies we have attended. It has been a great experience and everyone has been very pleased that we visited their rally.

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