

SIX-STATE RALLY

ASSOCIATION, INC.



FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

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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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Welcome to all with the Spring Chapter Rallies in full swing for the year. All chapters are making them lots of fun for members and new member guests.

Lou and I attended the 81st International Convention in Perry, Georgia, March 16 – 19, 2009. While there I attended the Executive Board meeting and Convention Committee workshop. I worked with the handicap and activity trams captain, David & Patsy Kessler (one of our Six-State Cadre Members), and with handicap seating at the nightly entertainment. I enjoyed this very much as the people are very nice. Thanks to all for your help. The weather was not good during the first days of the convention with rain, but we always have nice weather to finish the convention; regardless, we had a great time.

I attended the Executive Board meeting and committee meetings in May at Cincinnati. We had to approve the budget going to the Governing Board in Bowling Green. Many hours have gone into completing all the documents. The minutes of the Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings will be sent to you by the time you receive this letter. The Board is continuing to make changes to improve your association, and with the loss of revenue it will be very hard not to take any member benefits away so we can continue to grow.

HARD WORK IS HELPING THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The work all of us have done this year to get new FMCA members is helping us grow. But we didn't hold our own, as the South Central Area was 66 members short for the year. If we keep working, the South Central Area will grow and have more members next year to change the loss. If each chapter picks up 2 new FMCA and Chapter members we can meet our goals.

The Area Chapters are having good numbers of new members attending the chapter rallies. We have to go back to having fun doing new things at each chapter rally, showing other motorhome owners what they are missing and causing them to want to be part of this fun. Let's continue to work talking to and signing up motorhome owners to increase our chapter and FMCA membership, while having fun. **PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR NEW MEMBERS NOW TO HELP ALL HAVE MORE FUN.**

YOUR FMCA MEMBERSHIP RECORD

I thank all members who have updated their records. You are the only one who can change this information. The chapter cannot change it for you. Many updates are still long overdue as the information is no longer useable to contact you. The information needed is home telephone number, cell phone number, home address, winter address, e-mail address and any other information that has changed. This may be why I get calls that members are not getting information they have asked for or needed.

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OTHER INFORMATION

* Thanks to the South Central Area members for attendance at the Chapter Fair and the 81st International Convention at Perry, Georgia

* 82nd International Convention in Bowling Green, Ohio, July 20 – 23, 2009

* Make sure you have plans in place for your chapter to be represented at the annual Governing Board meeting, where we will be voting on the 2010 budget and other important business

* If your National Director and Alternate National Director cannot attend the international convention this time, it's time for your chapter to elect a Temporary Delegate to go to the convention. It is our goal to have all chapters of the South Central Area represented at the meeting in July 2009

* Don't miss the Governing Board training the day before the Governing Board Meeting

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. E-mail to rgould@fmca.com

* There are four places in the magazine to highlight your chapter: 1. Association Calendar; 2. Chapter Spotlight; 3. Family and Friends; 4. Join a Chapter. Have you been using them?

South Central Area communication committee for the newsletters and Web site for 2009 as follows:

* South Central Web site: sca-fmca.com

Chairman:	Darrell Gilliland	Cell phone 940 727 1800
Past President:	Tony Innocenti	Cell phone 361 648 3381
Web Master:	Jim Maynard	Cell phone 361 648 3381
Secretary:	Irene Renfro	Cell phone 512 415 4044

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. The Committee has reworked the Web site; the current format on it is all new with lots of updated information. The goal of the committee is to make the Web a location for you to go to receive SCA information (www.sca-fmca.com). Check it out and tell us if you like the changes or want us to add other information. The committee will help you on many tasks to make it work better for your chapter.

We are having a contest for Newsletters and Web sites at the Pow Wow Area Rally September 23-26, 2009 in Shawnee, OK.

Contact Chairman Darrell Gilliland to register for the contest by September 1, 2009: e-mail (darrell.gilliland@yahoo.com); phone: (940 727 1800) for more information and help.

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CHAPTER VISITS

Lou & I are trying to visit as many chapters as we can in the coming year. We look forward to meeting each and every one, plus we enjoy visiting chapters. We would appreciate receiving your chapter newsletters and rally schedule so we can work as many visits as possible into our schedule. Please send them to: fkennedy@fmca.com.

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES 2009

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

I need the dates you are going to celebrate your anniversary so I can schedule to attend your rally.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2009

82nd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio,
July 20 - 23, 2009

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

POW WOW RALLY

The Rally Master and Six-State Officers, Cadre and Host Chapters are working to have a great rally. This is a very different type of rally. It has so many things to see and do like no other rally has ever done. 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 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 at this location before. Registration has started with many already signed up and ready to go. It is time to register. Call FMCA, visit FMCA.com or the June, July and August *FMC* magazine issues. Send in your registration form now!!! Don't miss the fun. See you there.

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Lou & I have started the year 2009 with chapter visits as follows:

January 3 – 7, 2009 – Six-State Year Planning Executive Board Meeting, Beaumont, Texas
January 9 – 11, 2009 – Thousand Trails Of Texas Chapter Rally, Willis, Texas
January 21 – 25, 2009 – River City Travelers Chapter 20th Anniversary Rally, Bandera, Texas
February 4 – 8, 2009 – Southeast Area Rally, Brooksville, Florida
February 19 – 24, 2009 – Roughnecks Chapter Rally, Lake Charles, Louisiana
March 10 – 20, 2009 – International Convention, Perry, Georgia
March 25 – 29, 2009 – South Central Bus Nuts Chapter 25th Anniversary Rally, Lometa, Texas
April 1 – 4, 2009 – Rally in the Pasture Chapter Rally, Searcy, Arkansas
April 5 – 8, 2009 – Six-State Area Planning Rally, Shawnee, Oklahoma
April 8 – 10, 2009 – Six-State Ambassador Rally, Shawnee, Oklahoma
April 16 – 19, 2009 – Ozark Prairie Sooners Chapter Rally, Nevada, Missouri
April 23 – 26, 2009 – Gateway Getaways Chapter Rally, Montgomery City, Missouri
April 29 – May 7, 2009 – Executive Board Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio

PS: Have each of you signed up your new FMCA Member for 2009. If not it is time to go to work now. You have to ask!!

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

