

SIX-STATE RALLY

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FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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Southwinders
Stars of Texas
Texans On Safari
Texas Prevosts
Texas Road Runners
Thousand Trails of Texas
Tip-O-Tex
Travlin Texans
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Welcome to the New Year with many exciting things to do and new places to go. It is time to make plans for the coming year's travels, putting in as many FMCA chapter rallies and conventions along the way as possible.

Lou and I attended the Six-State Executive Board meeting and workshop meetings in January where we planned for the coming year and rally in Shreveport, Louisiana. We also attended the Thousand Trails of Texas chapter rally in Conroe, Texas. The minutes of all meetings have been sent out to keep all posted on the work being done to improve your Six-State Association. The Board has worked on some new procedures and the 2010 budget to improve operations and not take any member benefits away so we can continue to grow.

It Is Time For The Membership Drive

All of us need to work hard to get new FMCA members. We now have a new program to help chapters grow as well as FMCA--A DOZEN DOES IT. I would like to see the South Central Area chapters all win a prize by getting 12 new members per chapter. This would let us grow at a faster rate than we have in the past. Check with your chapter president and get the details and go to work. If each chapter in all the areas signs up 12 new members this year as per the new program, it would certainly give FMCA a needed boost. We have to go back to having fun doing new things at each chapter rally, showing other motorhome owners what they are missing, causing them to want to be part of this fun. Let's go to work talking to and signing up motorhome owners to increase our chapter and FMCA membership while having fun. We cannot take NO for an answer. PLEASE SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS NOW.

Your FMCA Membership Record

The importance of chapter certification each year is to update chapter membership records. The chapter secretary does this yearly and also submits changes to the roster during the year. This works to tell the office who belongs to each chapter, but the chapter secretary cannot change your membership information that is on file with FMCA.

All members need to make sure their individual records with FMCA remain up-to-date. The national office needs to have your mailing address, telephone number, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and coach make — the same information you provided when you joined FMCA. If any of this information changes during the year, you should submit the changes at that time. You can go online at FMCA.com to review and update the information at any time, or call the national office during office hours. You are the only one who can change this information. Many updates are long overdue as the information is no longer useable to contact you.

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Officer Workshop

The workshop was held at the State Fair of Louisiana fairgrounds in Shreveport, Louisiana, January 3-6, 2010. The workshop was to make plans for the Area Rally and all business for the coming year. We would like to welcome your new Area Northern Region Vice President, Rod Sartwell, and his wife, Ethel, to your Board. The workshop starts the planning for the upcoming rally at the Shreveport, Louisiana, fairgrounds, September 29-October 3, 2010. As was done last year, we will hold an Ambassador Club Rally meeting April 21-22, 2010, to show the entire rally site and share in the planning schedule. This is a great site to hold a rally after our rally there 14 years ago. Many things on site have changed with new buildings and added attractions in the area.

FMCA Campground in Cincinnati, Ohio

If you travel into the Cincinnati area, you should plan to stop by the FMCA Office. The staff will give you a tour and show you what they do for all of us. You are in for a treat to learn many new things about your membership and benefits. Do not take your motorhome to the main office at 8291 Clough Pike as there is no place to park in the parking lot. Go to the Round Bottom Road office where the campground is ready with 15 full hookups and others with just water and electric. Call the office to see if there are rallies or meetings taking place that would make the sites unavailable. When you arrive, check in at the office during office hours and they will show you where to park. You can stay for 2 days free and pay for extra days if needed to see the area and the offices. They are waiting for you to visit.

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 going to chapter rallies. We would appreciate receiving your chapter newsletters and rally schedule so we can work as many as possible into our schedule to visit you. Please send them to: fkennedy@fmca.com or tell me they are posted on your Web site.

Chapter Anniversaries

Texas Road Runners	3/17/10	20 years	Celebrate 3/9-12/10
Caprock Cruisers	4/01/10	10 years	Celebrate 4/10/10
Sooner Coaches	5/21/10	5 years	Celebrate
Gateway Piasas	6/01/10	25 years	Celebrate
Coaches for Christ-SC	9/28/10	5 years	Celebrate
Frustrated Maestros-SC	10/26/10	25 year	Celebrate
Hi Plains	11/16/10	25 years	Celebrate 8/21/10
Cruisin' Cajuns	11/07/10	40 years	Celebrate 11/18-21/10

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**Letter from Senior Vice President and Rally Master, Charlie Adcock
Six-State Rally Association, Inc.**

I would like to thank you for your support when electing me as our Association's Senior Vice President and Rally Master in Shawnee, Oklahoma, this past September. Since taking office I have joined with other Association officers who met in Shreveport, Louisiana, January 2-5 for an Executive Board meeting and workshop looking forward to the 37th Annual Six-State Rally to be held at that location.

I can share with you that we all have "hit-the-ground running" and are each day becoming more excited about the plans being made for this coming year. Our spring planning meeting at the State Fair of Louisiana fairgrounds in Shreveport, to be attended by officers, our cadre, and representatives of host chapters, is scheduled for April 18-21. This core group of volunteers consists of approximately 40 coaches.

Your chapter President will soon be getting an invitation to attend an Ambassadors Briefing in Shreveport April 21 and 22. The Shreveport-Bossier City Visitors Bureau has planned an exciting event where they can showcase their cities and North Louisiana. Your chapter's representative will receive two dinners, entertainment, and an all-day guided tour of the areas aboard two charter buses.

In addition to planning this year's area rally, some preliminary plans are being made for our 2011 rally that will be in Hutchinson, Kansas, September 28-October 1. Two site visits have already been made to potential rally sites in Texas for the 2012 Six-State Rally.

Throughout the year I will be giving regular updates on our area rally planning through the chapters Ambassadors.

Again thanks for your support. Gloria and I hope to see you in Shreveport in September.

Sincerely,

Charlie Adcock

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Dates To Remember

83RD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, EXPO NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, MARCH 22-25, 2010

84TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, DESCHUTES COUNTY FAIR & EXPO, REDMOND, OREGON, AUGUST 11-14, 2010

37TH SIX-STATE RALLY, STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 3, 2010

83rd International Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico

We will have a Chapter Fair at the convention, Monday, March 22. Sign up now for a table to show the non-chapter members what you have to offer. As of this writing, we have a large number of non-chapter members from our area attending. How many can we get to become your chapter member? If you are not attending the convention or do not have a Chapter Fair Table, how will they meet you and want to be a part of your chapter family. Sign up for the Chapter Fair table and join the fun. Also we will have a South Central Area Gathering during the convention for you to meet other South Central chapter members. Please come. We would like to have you. To reserve your table space, contact Penny Gortemiller at 800-543-3622, extension 238, or e-mail pgortemiller@fmca.com.

Lou & I have started the year with Six-State board meeting and workshop January 3-6, 2010. Then we headed for a chapter rally visit January 8-10, 2010, for the Thousand Trails of Texas chapter. We will be making more chapter visits before we are to be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on March 16, 2010, at the 83rd International Convention. We are planning to have a big party at the 37th Six-State Rally (Return to the Rally on the Red) in Shreveport, Louisiana. We already have people registering for this rally. Please plan to attend this fun rally (put it on your schedule now); it will be nothing like you have ever seen before. Now is the time to plan for the New Year to use your motorhome and come to the Six-State Rally in Shreveport, Louisiana. We hope to see you on our trips as we enjoy our lifestyle in the motorhome visiting with our many FMCA friends at rallies.

See you down the road.

Fred Kennedy

Fred & Lou Kennedy
President of Six-State Rally Association

