

## National RV Central States:

### April News

#### Spring Rally in Branson, MO

Everyone needs to notify us if you are planning to attend the spring rally on **May 12-17** in Branson . You do not need to pay for this rally ahead of time but we must know if you are coming. Everyone will pay the \$10 yearly dues and a small rally fee during registration. You will pay your own camping fee of \$10/night plus \$5 deposit for a gate key when you check in to the park.

We will have five new coaches in attendance so be sure to come and help welcome them all to our club. The following names are currently on our list of attendees: Axtman, Archer, Brigmann, Campbell, Dunn, Easton, Fricke, Gent, Howard, Kennedy, Koch, Liscio, Maher, Odell, Sholty, Sorenson, and Soukup. **If you are coming and your name is not on the list, let us know.** Remember, there are rental cabins if you are unable to come in a motorhome.

**Attached** (*for web viewers, see bottom of this Newsletter*) is the schedule of activities. The rally hosts may have a list of reduced price show tickets if you haven't purchased yours in advance.. Remember that we will be staying at Treasure Lake, a private membership park, and the entrance is just to the left of the Imax Theater on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway.

**Driving directions:** From 65 Hwy, exit @ Hwy. 248 West. Follow 248 for 2 miles (just past K-Mart), road will Y, stay to RIGHT, turn LEFT @ SOH Expwy. Resort is on Right next to IMAX. From 13 Hwy, turn east @ 76. Follow to SOH Expwy (just past the Butterfly Palace). Turn LEFT, then LEFT again at bottom of hill.

We do not have kitchen facilities so you may want to bring a few things for a breakfast or lunch in your rig. Also bring heavy Hors d'oeuvres for the meal on arrival evening and your own drinks plus some munchies to share during afternoon social hours. We will probably take advantage of the many restaurants for evening meals on Thurs. & Fri. The resort has a \$2 breakfast available on Sat. & Sun. mornings and free entertainment on Fri. & Sat. nights.

The May rally is important because we have election of officers for the coming year. (*For web viewers, see note at end of this newsletter*) The FMCA year runs from June 1 to May 31 so if ou can't come to the rally, remember to send your \$10 dues for the coming year to:

**Bill Maher, Treasurer, 12541 McGee St., Kansas City, MO 64145.**

If you have any change of address, e-mail, or phone numbers, include that with

your check. You may print a membership renewal form from our website:  
<http://www.nationalrv-centralstates.org/Member.html>

### **Member News:**

**Annalee & Dick Waterkotte** have a new e-mail address: [alw19@ymail.com](mailto:alw19@ymail.com)

**Susan DeMoss** wrote: Due to some recently discovered cardiac problems with **Chuck**, we will be unable to attend the meeting in Branson. I can't tell you how disappointed we are as we had looked forward to it ever since we knew about it. However, I suppose only members present can vote on the proposed Bylaw Change but I wanted to say we think it is an excellent idea. If there is a way to vote by "proxy", we would cast an affirmative vote.

Have a great rally in Branson.

**Jean & Earl Briggmann** spent a week at Lake Lavon, TX, then traveled to the valley to visit friends. They spent one night in Koch's driveway on their way to a rally in Arkansas. They missed another rally because Jean had vertigo for 8 days but they plan to attend our rally in Branson.

**Betty & Gene Dunn** represented our club at a preview of the Sept. 23-26 South Central rally in Shawnee, OK They were looking for a campground near Oklahoma City for our pre-rally--which may be scheduled on Sept. 19-22. Gene is planning to have knee surgery this summer.

### **News from Stephen & Joyce Sholty**

Yes we plan on attending the Branson Rally, please save us a space.

We also plan on attending the FMCA Convention in Bowling Green. We plan on staying in the Kokomo, In. area the week prior to Bowling Green, so we would be open to a club rally if it is in the Indiana/Ohio area. We are having some warmer weather here in western Iowa and Joyce wants me to get the motorhome out of storage so she can clean (the interior) and stock it. I bought a TV for the motorhome, if I had the motorhome in my shop I could attempt to take out the old TV and install the new one. We have a month before our first outing, so what's the hurry, on second thought maybe I should start now.

See you down the road,

**Pat & Bill Maher** were delayed leaving for the valley last winter until Pat completed therapy for her broken hip. On the way home, they stopped in Dallas and visited the Koch's for two days. They found an ideal campground located between Costco and Sam's Club with a Wal-Mart across the highway--how lucky

can you be!!

**Tom & Kay Axtmann** wrote:

We purchased our Dolphin in Jacksonville FL last July and just love it. We live in Holiday Island AR which is only one hour from Branson, however, we will be on the road in April....Savannah, Charleston and the Smoky Mountains...making it home in time to turn around and head to Branson. See you then!

**Frank & Janice Koch** had a family get-together in April. Jeff Koch came from Washington D.C. for a week, and Barry & Claudia Koch, Lara & Julie came from Germany for two weeks. Their daughter Jennifer's family lives nearby in Richardson. They took the "German" Koch's to Tyler State Park for three days camping and discovered a first-rate zoo in Tyler, TX.

**Kay & Bob Easton** wrote to confirm reservations at Branson. "

"We're looking forward to the rally. Kay has a morning doctor's appointment so we won't get there before late afternoon.

It should be fun. See you then."

A letter from prospective members **Dorothy & Camine Liscio**:

Thank you for the information on your chapter.

After receiving your email, I visited your chapter's web page. I found in your January 2009 newsletter, your Chapter is contemplating membership of other brand name motor-home owners into FMCA National RV Central States chapter.

My wife and I are interested in meeting with your Chapter members at your next rally in Branson MO on May 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. We are also planning on the Six State Rally in OK and are very interested in the pre-rally your chapter is planning

Frank, let me introduce my wife Dorothy and myself to you. We have been FMCA members for a long time. We had many RV's in the 58 years that we have been married. Our last was a 40 ft. Holiday Limited. For the past few years we have been idle. After Desert Storm, the Air Force sent us our son Joseph totally disabled. He spent 23 years with them and we lost him March 2003. We raised 5 of our Grandchildren and last year put the last Grand daughter into Western Illinois University. The others have all given us Great grandchildren and are in their own homes. We are now on our own and just purchased a used Monaco Diplomat. We are members of FMCA, (F-117791) and also Charter Life members and past State Director, (1973 -1978), of the Good Sam club. It seems that all our past FMCA chapters have disbanded. We are interested in membership in your chapter if it is available.

We also have a friend in Texas that is looking for a chapter as their chapter has

disbanded. With your permission I would like to suggest your chapter to him. He is a Holiday owner

Looking forward to meeting you, Carmine M. & Dorothy Liscio

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### **Free FMCA memberships**

We still have four free FMCA memberships. Be sure to let us know of anyone who has a coach and does not belong.

**Advertisement:** Someone might be interested in this e-mail we received, although it could be a ways to travel for free laundry!!

*Dear National RV Central States,*

*Oasis RV Resort (on I-40 just west of Amarillo, TX) is a first class resort **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** I'm sure with all your activities, every once in a while your members are travelling on Interstate 40, so while they are on their way to a rally or just on their own, your members will know they have a great place to stay. National RV Central States members will receive a \$20 nightly rate (A Class), \$17 (C Class), \$15 (B Class)! Oasis RV Resort provides all paved roads, concrete pads, 75' X 40' sites, private bathrooms, pool, spas, clubhouse and rally room, but don't believe me, check us out at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** .*

*If there is anything we can do to make your members happy along the way, let us know. At the very least they can get caught up on their laundry--its FREE!!*

*Thanks so much,*

*Thomas Barr, **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** , 505-401-8540*

*Oasis RV Resort, **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** ,888-789-9697 Resort phone*

## **Attachments - (1) Rallies Activities and (2) Other Officers**

### **(1) Rallies Activities**

## **BRANSON 2009 RALLY**

### **Tuesday May 12**

A.M. **Arrival**

3:00 . **Registration** & receive rally packets

5:30 **Heavy Hors d'oeuvres**—Everyone bring their favorite to share and their own drinks. Club will provide cake & coffee for dessert.

### **Wednesday May 13**

9:00 **Seminar:** Larry Sorenson

How to install a larger TV--and-- Pressure Pro tire monitors

10:00 **Crafts** Betty & Gene Dunn

- 12:00 **Lunch** on your own
- 2:00 **Crafts** (continued)
- 3:30 **Miniature Golf**
- 5:00 **Bonfire & Cookout** Club provides hot dogs & buns, Everyone bring a **side dish** and your own **drink**. Club provides the ingredients for **S'mores** for dessert.

**Thursday, May 14**

- 9:00 Coffee & donuts in clubhouse
- 9:30 **Business Meeting and Election of Officers**
- 1:30 Car pool to **Charlies** for an 8 oz. Steak dinner.
- 3:00 Time for a show, such as: Pierce Arrow, Yakov Smirnoff, etc.  
**OR** group social hour back at camp.

**Friday, May 15**

- 8:00 **Site Sale**—Sell your crafts or extra camping items at the pavilion
- 10:00. **On Your Own.**  
**Suggestions:** School of the Ozarks Museum, mill, farm, store, chapel and restaurant; Riverwalk; or Branson Landing cruise.
- 3:00 Time for a show and dinner on your own  
**OR** group social hour and carpool to restaurant
- 7:00 Free entertainment in clubhouse: Ron & Opal (play music)

**Saturday, May 16**

- 8:00 Breakfast at Lodge—\$2.00.
- 9:00 **On Your Own. Suggestions:** Silver Dollar City; Ride the Ducks;
- 3:00 Social hour and car pool to restaurant
- 7:00 Free entertainment in clubhouse; The Thunderbirds (50's & 60's)

**Sunday, May 17**

- 8:00 Breakfast at Lodge--\$2.00
- 10:00 Goodbye's for those leaving on Sunday

**(2) Other Officers.** Reminder, chapter elections will be held at our next rally on May 12-17 at Treasure Lake Resort in Branson. In order to spread the work load for the Chapter President and the two Area Vice Presidents (North and South) – *we are still looking for replacements in this area*, we are looking for:

**Four Area Assistants - two for North and two for South** (volunteer/appointment) - Duties include: Work with their respective Northern or Southern VP to plan and schedule get-togethers such as weekend campouts, excursions to regional festivals, birthday and anniversary parties or dinners, etc., and Assist Rally Wagon Master(s) for the annual spring and fall rallies.

As always, we are looking for:

**Rally Wagon Master/Rally Hosts** (volunteer/appointment) – Duties include: Formulate rally agenda, Make reservations for required meals and activities, Determine food assignments for pot luck meals, Acquire gifts for chapter drawing.

Other volunteer positions in the club include:

**Webmaster** (volunteer/appointment) – Duties include: Maintain club's web site, Post chapter newsletters and other reports to web site, and Post activity pictures to web site.

**Sunshine Committee** (volunteer/appointment) – Duties include: Send condolence and congratulatory cards to chapter members.

**Nominating Committee** (volunteer/appointment) – Duties include: solicit volunteers for chapter officers.

**Sheriff** (volunteer/appointment) – Duties include: Collect fines for chapter members not wearing name badges to club activities.

**Newsletter Editor and Publisher** (volunteer/appointment) – Duties include: Solicit and collect news about chapter members and chapter activities, and publish monthly newsletter.

The current officers have been gracious enough to run for multiple years and now would like to get others involved. Please give this your serious consideration with the understanding that the outgoing officers will be available to help you. Please contact the outgoing officer for whom you are interested to get more information on time involved, etc. Then contact Bill Gent at either 972-414-8988 or at [bill.gent@verizon.net](mailto:bill.gent@verizon.net) to have your name listed in list of nominees.