

National RV Central States August News

North Little Rock 6-State Rally

We now have 12 coaches who have signed up and 10 that will be parking with our club: Cross, Dunn, Fricke, Gent, Hanlon, Koch, Maher, O'Dell, Sorenson, & Wetchensky. Brigmann & Soukup will be working the rally and parking with other groups. Be sure to let us know if you are coming, so we can reserve a space for you with our group.

Plan to come with a full tank of water and holding tanks empty. There will be a water truck and a honey wagon but they will charge for service. There will be portable toilets available. The River Rail Trolley will be free and golf carts will provide additional transportation.

There is no holding area so don't count on parking there Sunday night. If you are coming in on Sunday, you might try a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club for accommodations. Burns Park is full but there may still be openings at Maumelle Park, a corps park near Pinnacle Mountain St. Park on the west side of Little Rock. (Reservations: 1-877-444-6777) There are 300 coaches coming to the rally on Monday so you might be wise to find Sunday accommodations a few miles away from Little Rock. The Wal-Mart lots may be full!!

Since we are not charging a rally fee and we will not have a rally room, some meals will be at your own expense. Most members of the club will probably choose to eat out for lunch & dinner. We have made reservations for a private room at Golden Corral for our Tuesday dinner and business meeting.

Tentative Schedule:

- Monday Sept. 22* A.M. Arrival and Set-up.
Registration at Tradewinds flying the National RV flag
12:00 Lunch on your own.
1:00 Relaxation or explore N. Little Rock (ie. Burns Park & Maumelle Campgrounds).
3:30 Social hour. Bring chairs, snacks and your own drinks.
5:00 Order pizza or car pool to restaurant.
- Tuesday Sept. 23* 8:00 Coffee and pastry; Farmer's Market (?)
9:30 Meet to form carpools.
9:40 Clinton Library and drive past Heifer International--a green bldg.
11:00 Drive to The Old Mill.
12:00 Choose a restaurant for lunch.
1:00 Relaxation or explore Little Rock museums.
3:30 Social hour.
*5:10 Leave for Golden Corral.

5:30 Dinner (provided by the club).
6:30 Business meeting.

Wednesday 24 8:00 Coffee & pastry.
9:30 Meet to leave for Maritime Museum.
11:00 River Rail to lunch in Little Rock river district.
1:00 River Rail stop at Historic Arkansas Museum.
3:30 Social Hour.
5:00 Taste of the Town (beginning of 6-State Activities).

This schedule is flexible and may be revised; ie. if we can find a room, there may be card games in the evenings.

Check out the 6-State Rally schedule at: <http://www.sca-fmca.com/rally.htm>

Volunteers Needed

Those members who will be at the rally and also those who are unable to attend need to consider volunteering for offices for next year. Many of the current officers wish to be replaced and will offer assistance to anyone who is willing to take their positions. Please consider helping out in some capacity. A nominating committee chosen at this rally will be looking for a slate of officers for the May business meeting and elections.

Membership List

Attached is the current list of members who have paid this year's dues. You may wish to print this out and check to make sure your information is correct. (You can right click and rotate on the computer screen if you wish to just read it.) After the September rally, all members who have not paid their dues will be dropped from our email list. If you wish to continue to receive the club news, send your dues to the treasurer, Bill Maher.

Club Store Update

We now have the 2008-2009 prices for club name tags, shirts, and license plates. Mr. Ken Badges, a company based in Harrisville, PA., started providing us with name badges at the 6-States rally last year. My Hangup, a company based in Ardmore, OK., has been providing us with club logo embossed golf/polo short sleeve shirts, T shirts, patches, and License Plates/outdoor rig signs for many years. Unfortunately both companies are not planning to have a booth at this year's rally. However, ordering information for products from both companies is available on our web site at <http://www.nationalrv-centralstates.org/Member.html>. Order now so you will have items in time for the 6-State rally.

Web Site Updates

Bill Gent, our club's webmaster, has been busy keeping the web site fresh and new. In addition to the order forms for club name tags, shirts, and license plates, Bill has provided the agenda for 6-States Rally, added our first entry to the new "For Sale or Wanted" column, added Six-State Area Chapter's newsletter along with copies of our newsletters, added humorous Bumper Stickers throughout the web site, consolidated games and humor pictures to make one page of fun, revised the home page to better show

the "what" and "where" of site content, added a different group activity picture to top of each web page, and expanded the collection of links to chassis and coach manufacturer web sites to help owners now that NRV is no longer in business. Bill recommends that readers re-check the Dometic fridge recall as it has been expanded to for units from 1997 to 2006. All this and more can be seen at the "What's New" page of our web site - <http://www.nationalrv-centralstates.org/WhatsNew.html>.

Member News

- In the last newsletter we included a letter from Karen Dopher saying they were dropping their membership due to Bob's illness. We later received a note saying they were rejoining because of our excellent web site. That is a testimonial to webmaster Bill Gent's hard work and a reminder to all of you to make use of this excellent resource.
- Excerpt of letter from Marvin and Bonnie Wetchensky, "Sorry about our 2 year absent but Marvin and I seem to be on the road to a normal life again. Our dues for the club is on its way to Bill Maher as I type this note to you. Really plan to see ya'll in Sept. in Little Rock. Until then May the Lord Bless You All and Keep you in his Tender Care."
- Although they sold their house in Centralia IL, David & Arleen Cross are spending the summer in Centralia and have the same cell phone number. They have registered for the 6-State Rally.
- New members, James & Kathy Hanlon from Granbury, TX will be coming to the 6-State rally. Lets all welcome these newly retired RVers. Kathy's parents are also proud owners of a National motorhome so hopefully they will decide to join our club.
- Tom Shaw reported that, although they live near Little Rock, he will be unable to attend because he can't leave Marguerite home alone.
- Connie Kennedy's 99-year-old mother broke her hip and is in failing health. Connie will try to attend the rally if possible.
- Howard & Rosie Marr are at home in Independence, MO. Their health remains about the same. They both wish they could attend this 6-State Rally.
- Doris & Jim Chiste recently returned from a trip to China but will be unable to attend the rally.
- Jack & Nancy Ling are caring for grandchildren this summer and will be unable to attend the rally.

Let us hear from you; send your news to: NRV-Central@hughes.net