

# National RV Central States FMCA Chapter

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## 2011-2012 Officers

**President: Frank Koch**

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### Volunteer Positions:

**Webmaster: Bill Gent**

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**Newsletter editor: Norma Sorenson**

## FMCA's 86th Family Reunion in Madison, WI

The rally was held at the Alliant Energy Center, which was a great location with excellent facilities. Even the weather was below normal with highs around 80 degrees, which was a real treat after the hot summer most of us have experienced.

There were a little over 2000 coaches there. Attendees from our National RV Central States club included: Carmine & Dorothy Liscio, Steve & Joyce Sholty, and Frank & Janice Koch. The Liscio's took advantage of the large number of show coaches and traded their almost new Monaco Knight for a 43 ft. tag axle Monaco Diplomat. Hope you like the Cummins engine better than the Navistar, Carmine. Early-risers Steve & Joyce volunteered to serve doughnuts in the morning. Frank was our club's National Director at the Governing Board meeting. We also visited with former club members, David & Arleen Cross,

The governing board had another marathon session which lasted from 8:00 am until about 7:00 pm with a break for lunch and a chance to get a sweater for the afternoon. It was a cool, cloudy day and the air conditioning was running on high. Someone suggested that they turn the temperature setting up to 40 degrees! The vote for National President was extremely close with Charlie Schrenkel, who had stepped down from the presidency due to a health misdiagnosis, edging out Judie Czarsty, the Senior Vice President and Acting President. Alan Reim was elected Senior Vice-President over Ross Boyer. Candidates from the South Central Area,

Wilma Jean Alexander and Dan Couch, were defeated by Vicki Ferrari, National Secretary, and Will Young, National Treasurer.

There was much discussion about finances, payment for volunteers, marketing strategies, attracting new members, number & locations for national conventions, etc. A down payment of \$100,000 to Pomona will be forfeited by not having a convention there in 2013, although the winter conventions at Pomona and Perry have always been profitable. That was a close vote and many could not understand why that convention was voted down when we will automatically lose money! The next rally will be in Indianapolis, IN next summer.

There was interesting shopping nearby: Wal-mart was a two-story building with parking on the lower floor and escalators to the second floor shopping. There was a Mustard Museum and shop with an unbelievable number of mustard varieties. The Koch's had also found a quiet Costco parking lot to stay in the night before we were to enter the fairgrounds. We hope more of our members will be in Indianapolis next year.

### Frank & Janice Koch

*Editor's comment: Interesting to hear about the two-story Wal-Mart building, since they are just completing a two-story location in Dallas with Sam's Club on the lower level and Wal-Mart on the second level. Sam's is already open; W-M will open the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Sept. Maybe a new concept we'll be seeing more of in the future. We have also seen this concept in Mazatlan, Mexico in one of their local supermarkets.*

## Six-State Rally in Hutchinson, KS Sept. 24-Oct. 1

**Our club has volunteered to work at this rally and everyone will need to enter the fairgrounds on Sat. Sept. 24.** Your packet does not state arrival time because volunteer jobs begin on different days. Thirteen spaces will be reserved for our club so it is not necessary to caravan in together. We plan to have a room for social activities before the regular rally begins and hope to have a pizza party on that first Saturday night.

The following family coaches have parking reservations:

Brigmann, Chiste, Dunn, Fricke, Gent, Goodlett, Hearn, Holmes, Koch, Liscio, Maher, Sholty, Sorenson

Easton's have also volunteered to help but they will be parked with the Frustrated Maestro's. Sharon Goodlett has recently joined our club and may serve as an alternate volunteer.

Everyone will work on Sunday but then all will be free on Monday except for women who are working registration so plan to do some touring that day. You might want to

make reservations for the Salt Mine museum or Cosmosphere, as suggested in your packet. All the volunteers will be treated to a free meal on Monday evening.

Thelma Hebert will be doing training for women working registration at 2:00 pm Saturday and at 8:00 am on Sunday. Pat Holmes, Norma Sorenson, and Pat Maher have volunteered to come in early on Saturday to receive training that day so they will be ready to collect money from coaches arriving on Sunday for club rallies.

Thelma Hebert also suggested that the registration facility is not air-conditioned and you might want to bring a fan, if you have one. She is bringing one so a couple more should be enough. Hopefully the weather will be cooler by then!!!

There will be three clubs doing security and Bill Beebe is in charge. He asked us to work both gates on Sunday and then another club will do both gates on Monday. The four women doing Crafts (Dunn, Sholty, Chiste, and Liscio) do not have enough hours in crafts so they will assist with Security on Sunday when we guard both gates. The "craft ladies" will be assigned to a gate with their husbands. Thereafter, we will be in charge of the main gate #5 plus the exhibit building. Women may also need to help the men with security during the week. We have a large umbrella to use for Gate #5 and the others will be indoors at the exhibits.

We do not have a host for our pre-rally but with pizza on Sat. and the volunteer dinner on Monday, we can find restaurants for Sunday and Tuesday meals. Hopefully, no one will be working so much that they will be unable to find time to socialize in our camping area and assigned room. Everyone can make their own schedule for having fun in Hutchinson.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Edward & Madeline Buchanan  
Des Moines, IA**

**Charles & Dorothy Garner, Fort Worth, TX  
2005 Dolphin 5355 LX**

**Sharon Goodlett, Conroe, TX  
2003 Tiffin Allegro Bus**

**Jim McCarron  
1999 Tradewinds 7372**

We look forward to meeting you folks in the near future. Welcome aboard!

## NRV Central States Chapter to Celebrate Anniversary

Our chapter will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Can you believe we're that old? The celebration will take place at our 2012 spring rally. And we will decide/vote on the location when we get together in Hutchinson. If anyone has suggestions for a site, please let us know. An officer of the Six-State Rally Association will be at our rally to congratulate us.

### News from our Members

**RAY AND PAT HOLMES:** Spent the month of July in Wyoming and Colorado where temps were from 40's in the morning to low 80's in the warmest part of the day. We are now in New Mexico. We will spend this month checking out as many state parks as possible before we head for Hutchinson. We look forward to seeing all our NRV buddies.

**GENE AND BETTY DUNN:** Hello. We are in our home now in Topeka, Ks as I have bronchitis. RV in park at Prairie Band waiting for jacks to be fixed. They went out as we were bringing our daughter Sandy to Ks. After she went to see the Lord, we waited in Bonner Springs but part hasn't come in yet... moved here (cheaper to park). We're still planning on going to Hutchinson if we get the house roofed, skylights fixed & etc. Had hail storm did \$10,000 damage to house... More FUN!

We really miss our lovely daughter, I know she's not hurting and in a better place but its hard. **Wanted to THANK the club for Prayers, the cards and the donation to HOSPICE she wasn't there long but they were very good. THANK YOU ALL** Weather here beautiful. Today Gene even cleaned up little rose bud trees in back yard. Hope to see you all soon,

**JIM AND JEAN ODELL:** Jean is having much more trouble with her back problem, to which there is no treatment except pain medication, and her Pain Management Doctor told her he could do no more for her. He is not the first to dismiss her. I'm also having many more dizzy spells, and several doctors have given me batteries of tests, only to declare they haven't the slightest idea why. To make a long story short, we discontinued our summer vacation in Colorado and came home. I'm taking the RV to Houston this weekend to have PP&L sell it for us. We will miss the adventures and the many friends we've made the last 15 years. We wish the best to all!  
PS Hey I'm 88 and Jean 80. Life is still fantastic and God is good.

**KEITH AND PAT DERR:**

(This message was sent from Bill Maher): Received a call from Keith Derr today. He told me Pat was diagnosed with lung cancer. Pat has been sick for a long time and now think they have found why. Keith had called before and was not going to rejoin, the club as Pat could not enjoy the RV. She will start treatments on wed. Aug.17. They will be staying in the RV in Independence MO at the RLDS campground. Keith has asked for your prayers.

## **Take your home phone on the road.**

*(From Larry Sorenson)*

Many people have discontinued their home phone land line service and are using cell phones exclusively. We have wanted to do this for some time; however, the reason we haven't is we receive a very poor cell phone signal at our home, although we are in Dallas city limits. We've tried other cell phone providers in the past and found that Verizon is the only one with whom we can actually get a somewhat decent signal at our house.

Last week, we stopped in the Verizon store to check for an updated air card (for Internet). Before we left, the agent called our attention to one of their latest technologies. It's called Verizon "Home Phone Connect." Here is how it works: You connect your existing home telephone into the connector box and then you can make both local and long distance calls, with unlimited usage, for a flat rate of \$19.99 per month; and keep your current land line phone number. (We've had for over 40 years—imagine that!)

That same evening, I mentioned this to a friend at a birthday party and he was skeptical, as were we. Two days later, my friend called me, excited. He was using his new Verizon Home Phone Connect service that he had purchased the day before and said it works perfectly.

Naturally, we hi-tailed it down to the Verizon store and came home with it as well as the new data card. We are very pleased. It works great at our home and now we have discontinued our land line service. And the best part is, we can take it with us in our motor home and use it wherever we go.

Verizon gives a 14-day trial period and even gives you a temporary number so you don't have to port your phone number until you decided to keep the service. This may sound like a commercial, but we have no connection with Verizon except having used their cell and Internet service for several years. If this is of interest, you might check with Verizon Wireless or your own provider to see if they have something like this. Isn't technology amazing?

**We currently have 25 paid members.  
Have you renewed your membership for 2011-12?**

**HAPPY TRAILS!**