

National RV Central States FMCA Chapter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings friends and fellow members of NRV Central States,

This letter is coming to you from the Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois where Janice and I are attending the CAT RV Engine Owner's Club rally at Sunset Lakes Resort in Hillsdale, Ill. We are joined here by Joyce and Stephen Sholty of our club, who we will be seeing again at the FMCA rally in Bowling Green, OH and at the Freightliner Chassis Owner's Club rally in Greenfield, IN. Carmine and Dorothy Liscio of Marion, IL, new members whom most of us have not yet met, will also be joining us at FMCA. Janice and I have not been very active in the rally circuit the last couple of years during our move and resettlement period. Getting back into the mix has renewed the memory of what a pleasant experience these rallies can be. The pervading atmosphere of warmth and friendliness is wonderful. In the course of this tour we will rekindle many friendships which were almost forgotten. Another important part of the rally experience is the classes and seminars offered by manufacturers and suppliers of motor home components. As Ken Hawk, former president of the Freightliner club often says, "No matter how many times I have attended some of these seminars, I always hear and learn something new."

I write this letter in an effort to encourage all of you to take advantage of rally opportunities afforded you. If you have not attended a major national rally you should try to include one on your schedule. If you have attended one in the past but not recently I encourage you to include one in your future. At the very least, I would encourage all of you to make every effort to attend one of the regional FMCA rallies in your area. In most of our cases this would be the Six-State Regional FMCA rally scheduled for September 22-26 in Shawnee, OK this fall. Put it on your calendar and, while you're at it, include our chapter pre-rally Sept. 18-22 in your plans. I'll try to share some of the news from FMCA with you in my next letter.

Drive with care,

Frank

These Dates should already be on your calendar:

National RV Central States Fall Rally, September 18-22, 2009

We need to know as soon as possible if you will be attending our pre-rally in Norman, OK. We are scheduled at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds RV park in Norman, Oklahoma, but this park does things a little different. They will not give us a contract until we tell them how many rigs will be attending. I know some of you have already emailed Frank that you are attending, but we would appreciate it if you would also email us at Sorenson as listed in Club List so we can get an accurate count; or you can call us. The rally park has also requested one lump-sum payment, so we will notify you when to send your money in as soon as we have a head count. The daily rate

is \$20 with full hookups and we need 15 rigs to get a discounted rally hall. There will also be a \$10 registration fee. This is the tentative agenda:

Friday: Arrival, registration, afternoon social gathering
Saturday: Caravan to Oklahoma City, tour Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum; Lunch, then tour the Oklahoma City Memorial; afternoon social gathering
Sunday: Breakfast-coffee donuts, free time, games, etc. Potluck/picnic
Monday: Tour National Weather Center, Lunch out (restaurant to be determined)
Tuesday: Caravan to the 6-state rally in Shawnee.

Update on the Shawnee Rally

Registration has been coming in fast and furious ...and, by borrowing electrical lines and receptacles from other sources we have determined that we can add an additional 100 hook-ups to our initial limit of 500 electrical sites. **We now are guaranteeing electrical hook-ups for the first 600 who register.** We may have to cut-off registration if our numbers approach 750.

We are having a good response from indoor exhibitors and, as expected, a slow response from dealers who would bring motor homes to our rally. Besides the seminars presented by our exhibitors, FMCA's Executive Director Don Eversmann and his wife Sharon will be with us. Don will be giving a number of seminars relating to FMCA, our chapters, and benefits to members. Sharon is again going to do a quilt seminar. Other subjects are about computers, digital cameras, writing for profit, making money on the Internet, vehicle crime awareness, Travel Oklahoma, and for a little added entertainment, a cowboy poet. We again have two sessions of Line Dancing scheduled. You can register online at sca-fmca.com. And **Go to the 2009 Rally Page.**

From our Members

From the Harps: A new TV show about a bunch of motor homes out on a road trip with just an instruction book, premiered July 7, There are five episodes left. They are not in Texas heading to California on Route 66. It airs Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on NBC. Be sure to set your DVD to record. I think this will be a good show, we may all learn a few things.....Happy RV'ing.....The Harp's

More from the Harps:

The Harp's have been spending the last of June to last of July at Grand Lake in Grove, OK. With many cookouts, boat trips and parties with family and friends. We plan a one day trip in the next couple weeks to Miami, Ok (about 30 miles away) to tour the Newell factory. No I do not plan on buying a million and half motorhome because I don't have any money. Regards, Howard, Doris and Hunnie.

We (Ray and Marsha) are now in TT Hershey Preserve enjoying cooler temps than those in Florida. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. p.s. It was a joy to meet all of you in Branson. Marsha Lamp

From Jim and Bronwen Soukup: We are in Indep. Mo., until mid-August in case anyone is traveling in the area and wants to lay over for overnight or

touring. Let us know and we can park you with electric and water or there is an RV park a couple of miles from us with everything. For those we know, we can renew acquaintance and for those we haven't met, we can get acquainted. Travel safe and enjoy this wonderful country God has blessed us with. Hope to connect in September in Oklahoma. Blessings, J&B

Writing from Wapiti, WY. Arrived yesterday the 1st of July, here till the 8th then on down to Colorado and over hiway 70 to home. Had a great rally in Gillette. FMCA (Fleetwood Motorcoach Assoc.) has now over 3000 members. We are #235. Mountains are beautiful, been in Cody Museum most of day will finish it tomorrow, then for rest of week into Yellowstone. Windows open, in 50-60's in morning. Hope all ok. Earl and Jean Briggmann

From the Beamers: We have a new Grandson! Our Daughter & her husband had been talking for a couple of years about having another baby. So with 3 girls ages 17, 15 & 11 they finally have a BOY! He was born June 22, 2009. Both Mom & Baby are healthy & well. What more could anyone ask? We are so blessed. Alice & Milt Beamer

I am sorry to have missed the Branson rally due to my surgery on the 4th of May. I am recuperating very well and have gained some weight back, am now up to 146 pounds. We are heading East on Friday July 3. We will be at the Cat RV Owners rally at Joslin, IL on the 6th, the FMCA Convention at Bowling Green, OH on the 20th, and then to the Freightliner Chassis Owners rally at Greenfield, IN on the 24th. We are looking forward to the NRV and Six States rallies in Oklahoma in September. We also have a large garden to tend to between our travels. See you down the road, Steve & Joyce Sholty

The Sorensons have just finish writing Larry's family history book, after five years of researching ancestors in Denmark. Believe it or not, we have attended three (yes, three) Sorenson family reunions in the past six weeks in Bastrop, Taylor and Port Aransas, Texas (these folks really like to get together.) Traveling back home from Port Aransas, we stopped in San Antonio and Fredericksburg to check out a few rally parks for future rallies.

Believe it or not, other club members are interested in your travels, what is going on in your life, etc. Planning a trip? or have a new grandbaby? a favorite camping spot? etc. email me at: my gmail account or call me at our home phone.

REMINDER: Please Pay Your Dues

Club dues were due June 1 for the 2009 - 2010 term. We have 50 members and ONLY 29 have paid. It is only \$10.00 where can you have so much fun for only \$ 10.00? Make check payable to: National R.V. central states.
Send to: Bill Maher, Treasurer.

Also, please send Bill any changes in your email address, phone, etc.
Thank you. See you in OK in September. Bill Maher