

National RV Central States FMCA Chapter



March 2010

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends:

With the writing of this letter, Janice and I are at Camp Verde, AZ preparing to leave in the morning for Albuquerque, NM and the National FMCA Convention. Following that we will stop at the Freightliner rally in Amarillo, TX before heading home. As we have moved northward from Yuma to Desert Hot Springs to here the weather has been growing gradually cooler. Today was perfect but we have heard that it is still quite cool in Albuquerque. In mid-April we will attend the Ambassadors' meeting in Shreveport to plan for the Six-State Rally in September. We are looking forward to our May rally in Branson and hope all of you will plan to attend. Matt, Robbie & Connie are working hard to plan another great rally for us so be sure to print out and mail the attached application early to help them with the planning and reservations.

There are several items of club business that need to be attended to before the rally. First, we need two committees—a nominating committee for the elections and an audit committee to help with an audit of the books as required by the FMCA. As usual, Bill will have to get *lawyered-up* for the occasion. Seriously, I hope you appreciate the amount of time and effort Bill puts into the financial and membership requirements of his office. If you are willing and interested in helping with the audit or nominating committees or in taking an office in the club, please let me know.

As you have heard, several of our members have suffered loss of loved ones or personal and health problems during recent months. I would ask all of you to keep those members in your prayers and offer support and assistance if you can.

Safe travels. See you in May.

Frank

The following two pages contain the agenda and registration form for the May rally in Branson, MO. Please print the registration form and mail it, with your check to Bill Maher.

Branson 2010 - May 18th thru May 22nd Rally

Tuesday May 18th

A.M. Arrival

2:00 P.M. Registration & receive Rally packets

4:00 P.M. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres , Everyone bring their favorite food to share and your own drink.

Wednesday May 19th

9:00 A.M. Breakfast at Docker's

12:00 P.M. Lunch on your own

2:00 P.M. Crafts

3:30 P.M. Miniature Golf

5:00 P.M. Cook out under pavilion Brats / baked beans. Bring your own drink. Cake served for dessert.

Thursday May 20th

9:00 A.M. coffee & Danish in Club House

9:30 A.M. Business Meeting and Election of Officers

1:00 P.M. Car pool to Shorty Small's for Bar-B-Que Lunch. (provided by club)

5:00 P.M. Social Hour

Friday 21st

10A.M. Stone Hill Winery Tour

On your own, Lots of things to see or do around town, Riverwalk, Shopping, Silver Dollar City

3:00 P.M. Time for dinner and a Show on your own.

5:00 P.M. Social Hour

7:00 P.M. Free Entertainment in Club House

Saturday 22nd

Breakfast at the Lodge (\$2.00 ?)

Goodbye's for those leaving on Saturday

**Branson Spring Rally May 18th Thru 22nd
REGISTRATION**

Pilot _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Number in Party: _____

Rally Fee (\$10.00 per Coach)\$10.00

Breakfast Banquet @ Dockers: \$ 7.00 Per Person X _____ = _____

(Make your check payable to "Bill Maher") Total _____

Please print this registration form and mail along with your check to:

Bill Maher, (address removed from web page – see club list for address).

Camping Fee , To be paid at arrival.

Treasure Lake Owners Daily Fee.

Coast to Coast Members Club Camping Fee.

Non-Members (\$ 12.00) Per Night

Note: Non- Members will be a Guest of A Member of a Coast to Coast or Treasure Lake Owner.

Cabins are available, Reserve Cabin A.S.A.P Call: **1-800-455-2961 or 417-334-1040**

News From Members

We plan on going in May to rally in Branson. I have been experiencing vertigo, little stronger than the last bout. Had injection in eye, but don't know if that contributes to it or not. But moving VERY little. We will also be in Branson in April for the World Fest at Silver Dollar city. Summer is starting to fill up fast.

Earl and Jean Brigmann

Howard and Doris Harp have spent the winter in warm Mission, Texas.....while there they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.....Will see many of you in Branson in May
Happy and safe travels.....

Howard, Doris and Hunnie

Just to let you our motor home was broken into and trashed out!!! Electronics plus several other things in ours plus 3 others and 2 semi-tractors in the storage area we use in Garland, Texas. If anyone knows where we could get the dash replaced, new flooring & window shade done in the DFW area please let us know. The Garland police called it an "Auto Burglary"!! We went down to the police station and convinced them this was no ordinary car burglary and they sent the Forensics truck out to take pictures, finger prints and to pick up the 3 tools the thugs left in our motor home.

Don't know when or where or how long getting it fixed will take. So at this point it does not look like we can make the Branson trip. Might have to be in FL getting the work done.

Alice & Milt Beamer

We were able to "participate" in Mardi Gras in the framework of an RV rally offered by Adventure Caravans. Saw a lot of stuff, including about 10 parades, Bourbon Street and local landmarks. Then we came back for 10 days in a Wyndham condo right next to the French quarter, with a variety of good food and good music. We finally began to get our bearings as it got time to leave.

Our coach is in the shop waiting for a new black tank, so we're in a motel. They had to fabricate the new one from scratch - in California! The joys of RV'ing, especially in an orphan!

Our best to both of you - and to all the people in NRV Central States.

Kay & Bob Easton.

News From Members

On February 17th, we became the proud grandparents of Chase Jordan (his parents live in Falls Church VA). He came 3 weeks early weighing in at 7lbs 12oz. Audrey flew in at last minute and was present for birth. Bill happened to be in Falls Church at the time contesting a speed ticket (do a search on Google to see what a ticket for doing over 80mph in a 65mph zone gets you in Virginia - bad news). With a clean record for 19 years in Texas, he got ticket reduced to "simple" speeding. Our house is currently up for sale as we plan to move furniture to Virginia and, hopefully, do some full time RVing.

Bill and Audrey Gent

Hello All,

Gene and I are in Garland Texas with our daughter. As if she doesn't have enough on her mind I just had to spend 8 days at lake Pointe Hospital with what- don't know, couldn't breathe. On all kinds meds now and Doc says will take time but I'm getting there. Sure nice to be home today the sun is shinning, nice and warm.

Looking forward to news letter.

Gene & Betty Dunn

We finally got to Texas in mid January and are staying in Donna, We will head back to Iowa around March 20. We plan on stopping in Oklahoma for a week and Kansas City for a week. It should be warming some at home by then. We plan on attending the rally in Branson and are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Grandma's Never-Fail Banana Bread

1 c. mashed bananas (3 med.)	1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. sugar	1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs, beaten	2 c. flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder	3 T. milk
1/2 tsp. baking soda	1/2 c. melted butter or oleo
1/2 c. pecans, chopped	

Mix all together, adding bananas, melted butter, and pecans last. Pour into a buttered loaf pan. Bake at 350 deg for 1 hour.

Enjoy. See you down the road,

Steve and Joyce Sholty

We departed our home in Coralville, Iowa on 24 October 2009; spent 2 nights near Omaha, NE with Jan's daughter and family. We spent 4 nights at Tinker A.F.B. in Ok City (delayed by weather with rain and wind). Spent 2 nights at Kirtland A.F.B. where our cat ran off (Got him back in 3 1/2 weeks). Arrived at Ft. Huachuca, AZ on 1 November, and spent 90 days there. Since 30 January

we've been at Davis-Monthan A.F.B. in Tucson. We're expecting to head back to Iowa on 9 March via the southern route. Seems like a very appropriate year to have been gone from the Iowa weather. We're planning to attend the Branson rally.

Jan and Ben Bendixen

Larry and I spent Jan, Feb, and part of March in Arizona. We were exhibitors at the Quartzsite RV show during which I ended up in ER at the La Paz Hospital in Parker where I had a pacemaker implanted. Three weeks later, while we were in Tucson, I had to have the pacer removed, due to a staph infection which emanated from the pacemaker pocket. After that two weeks of home health care with IV infusion of antibiotics, Larry had to pack the "wound" as it was called and change the dressing every day. After that, one week of oral antibiotics. The "wound" has now healed up nicely. While in AZ we saw Frank and Janice and visited friends in south Tucson. Left AZ March 11, drove to Kerrville, Texas where we visited a niece and nephew. We are now in Rockport, Texas visiting more family and we plan to be back home in Dallas about April 1. (No foolin') Needless to say, it's been a bizarre winter. See you all in Branson.

Larry and Norma Sorenson

Oh, by the way..... We heard (and maybe some of you have heard it too) that one of our members are proud owners of a gorgeous, big, shiny, new diesel-pusher. Shhhh! Don't tell. You'll have to be in Branson to see it.

This was just received from Jean Brigman:

Thought I would pass this on.

Connie Kennedy had a stroke yesterday, but is doing fairly good. Is still experiencing nausea and headaches and can't hold nothing in her stomach. Other than that I understand she is ok. Hopefully, will be talking to her in the next couple of days. Larry Hayes, her boyfriend who lives with her called and told us this afternoon. They are in Donna, TX. Any new developments will let you know.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

**FMCA'S 37th SIX-STATE RALLY, SHREVEPORT, LA
SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 3, 2010**

**FMCA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
REDMOND, OR
AUGUST 11-14, 2010**