

National RV Central States FMCA Chapter

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From our President

Dear Friends and Fellow Members:

Its been a long time since I last wrote to you. It seems as though winter never happened and here we are getting ready for our spring rally. It should be a lively and enjoyable time so hope to see a lot of you there. If any of you have friends or acquaintances who might be interested in visiting our club as prospective members, please bring them. Remember also that I still have several free one-year introductory memberships to FMCA which you might offer.

I hope you have been reading your *Family Motor Coaching* Magazines. There have been some important articles in them. In the December issue you will find a summary of the new member benefits package including two membership cards for the new medical emergency evacuation program, "FMCA Assist". In the January issue you will find a more complete discussion of the member benefits along with two more membership cards to FMCA Assist. Cut those cards out and carry them with you! Those member benefits are worth a lot to you. Keep them in mind as you travel.

Janice and I just returned from a week in Hutchinson, KS, site of the fall Six-State Rally. While there we participated in developing a work schedule for the rally and spent a day touring Hutchinson to see some of the attractions you might want to visit while at the rally. We will be depending on those of you who volunteered to help us to stay healthy. BE CAREFUL! For your information, the 2012 six-state rally will be held in Shawnee, OK instead of Wichita Falls, TX as previously announced.

See you in a couple of weeks. Drive carefully.

Frank

NATIONAL RV CHAPTER SPRING RALLY

Choctaw RV Park
Durant, Oklahoma
May 16-18, 2011

Our spring rally is just a couple weeks away. How did it get here so soon? **Early arrival is noon on Sunday, May 15. Our rally dates are Monday, May 16 through Wednesday May 18, departing on Thursday.**

***If you haven't previously registered, and would like to attend, it's not too late. (Carmine and Dorothy, our rally hosts, are having some motor home problems, which you will read later in this newsletter, but still plan to be at the rally.) In the meantime, you can email or call Frank or Janice Koch and let them know you are coming so we will know how many members to expect. No money is due at this time. Be sure to designate a Handicap site if you need one.

Note: If you wish to arrive earlier you may do so by calling 800-562-6073, but you may have to move to be placed with our chapter on the 16th as another chapter is occupying that area prior to noon.

RALLY AGENDA: As of this newsletter, our agenda is:

Sunday, May 15: For early arrivals, a social hour around 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18: Breakfast, compliments of the club followed by club meeting.

For the other days, we will have a schedule when you arrive: Tentative plans are to eat as a group at the casino buffet one night on the club, possibly a tour of a local attraction; there is an Indian art museum also, and we have games, and of course, there is gambling at the casino. If you run out of money there, we can have popcorn and watch free movies at the Koch's motor home.

Durant has a Wal-Mart Super Center for your shopping needs.

The Park's Amenities Include: Concrete Pull-Thru Pads, Fire Pit, Heated Saltwater Pool, Game Room, Meeting Room, Full Kitchen, K9 Dog Park. The group rally rates are **\$25.00 per night**; we will get casino packs for our group; also half-price at the Buffet. 80/20 buy in at the poker tables and two \$5.00 match play at the Black Jack tables; also a 3-cent off per gallon at the travel plaza for fuel.

Directions to Choctaw KOA: From the south: Take US Hwy. 75 north toward Sherman/McKinney. Durant is about 20 miles north of the TX/OK border.

From the North (and MO) Take Interstate 44; then 69/75 south through McAlester and all the way to Durant.

From the East (AR) Take Hwy. 70 to Durant

The address for Choctaw KOA is: 3650 Enterprise Blvd, Durant, OK 74701

**SIX-STATE RALLY (aka SOUTH CENTRAL AREA)
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2011**

Be sure to have this rally on your calendar. As you know, our club has been asked to help host this rally. If you haven't yet volunteered to help with this and would be available, please contact our club president, Frank Koch. We will also hold our fall rally just prior to the six-state rally. More details will be announced later. You can call or email Frank.

Correction: The 2012 Six-State Rally will be held in Shawnee, OK, not Wichita Falls, Texas, September 26-30 as previously announced in the Spring newsletter.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

From Carmine and Dorothy Liscio:

We changed our itinerary on Sunday April 19, 2011, Durant, Oklahoma, (Choctaw KOA). (National RV Chapter's Spring Rally). Dorothy & I have changed our plans. Monaco changed the completion date on the custom desk set they are fabricating in Oregon for our 2011 motor home. They extended us three weeks. We notified them that we would not wait at Buddy Gregg's, but we will take the motor home to Creal Springs Illinois for the Easter holiday, then we will go to Durant Oklahoma for our Spring Rally. After the rally we will return to Knoxville to get the Desk Chair & Ottoman installed at Buddy Gregg Dealership. They agreed to keep us in the delivery state and let us take the motor home.

If you haven't registered for the Spring Rally in Durant and want to attend it is not to late. Please bear with us. I know we haven't as yet put together our rally Schedule. But due to sickness and then getting our new motor home & now the storm has us flooded and trapped for a couple days, all this caused us to fall behind.

From Nancy Ling:

We regret that we will have to drop out of the organization, because Jack isn't able to drive the motor home much any more. Our son drove it to Branson, and we will park it at Treasure Lake & only use it there. I will not be able to be on the nominating committee this year. Sincerely, Nancy Ling

From Connie Kennedy:

Just want to let you know we will not be able to attend the Spring rally or help at the Six States as Larry and I have taken a workamper job in Kimmeling CO for the summer. We are supposed to be there by May 22 and work until sometime in Sept. I hope this works out as I have never tried this before. We have put over 17,000 miles on the Discovery and now in Springfield, IL for a few weeks. I am having 2 cataracts removed and Larry found out he has vertigo after being in the hospital 3 weeks in a row. Sorry we can't be with all of you this year but I want to pay my dues so send me Mahers address. Tell everyone hello. Connie Kennedy

From Larry & Norma Sorenson:

We spent the winter in Harlingen Texas (Rio Grand Valley). As we were preparing to return home to Dallas, Larry discovered an oil leak in our Tradewinds. After considerable searching, we were fortunate to find a very capable diesel mechanic in Donna, TX. We ventured to drive the 18 miles to Robert's Diesel Service in Donna, losing about a gallon of oil on the way. If you are in the Valley and happen to need a good mechanic, we would highly recommend Robert. He is thorough, knowledgeable, competent, and his rates are reasonable. Robert's Diesel Service, Ph: 956-464-9325.

From the Grows:

We are in the process of selling our RV. As such we will not be attending any of the rallies. Thanks for everything. Know of anyone looking for a creampuff 2001 Dolphin at a great price? John & Gretchen Grow, 817-834-3975

Dues are Due June 1 -- \$10.00

Fiscal Year June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

Mail dues to:

Bill Maher