

## National RV Central States:

### May Newsletter

#### **News for Branson Rally Attendees:**

The hosts for the May Rally in Branson are working on the final details and now we all need to pray for nice weather. Branson has been having cool, rainy weather so lets all bring rain jackets and umbrellas and hope that we don't need them. A suggestion has been made not to prepare food for the first night in advance. If the weather is too bad we may have to save it for another night as we may not have an indoor location that first night.

Most of us who are not members at Treasure Lake are planning to arrive on Tuesday, May 12. The cost of camping is \$10 plus tax. Be sure to inform the registration desk that you are part of the **National RV Central States rally**. **DO NOT** come in as Coast to Coast or RPI or you will be sent to Area 4. We will camp in Area 2 but sites cannot be assigned so you will have to find your own site there. This is a large campground so please **give us a call** after parking with your **site number** so we can find you. (Frank: 660-747-6054) You will receive last minute instructions (ie. the site # for our registration) at that time. I believe we already have everyone's cell phone number on the rally list that we will distribute.

**Last minute additions:** Our rally members **may stay longer** for the rally price but have to leave by the 20th. You will just pay for the number of days you want when entering the park.

We can eat at the Paradise Bar & Grill on Sat. night for the price of \$14/person, which includes drink, dessert, tax, & gratuities. There will be a sign-up sheet during our club's registration.

If you have never been to Branson, you may also give a call for extra driving instructions. This is the Ozarks with hills and corners everywhere, so some streets are not RV-friendly. If you don't know your way around Branson, you may choose to ride places with another member since we usually carpool everywhere. Here are some instructions sent in the April Newsletter:

Remember that we will be staying at Treasure Lake, a private membership park, and the entrance is just to the **left of the Imax Theater on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway**.

**Driving directions:** From 65 Hwy, exit @ Hwy. 248 West. Follow 248 for 2 miles (just past K-Mart), road will Y, stay to RIGHT, turn LEFT @ SOH Expwy. Resort is on Right next to IMAX. From 13 Hwy, turn east @ 76. Follow to SOH Expwy (just past the Butterfly Palace). Turn LEFT, then LEFT again at bottom of hill.

There have been some slight changes in the Rally Schedule since our rally hosts have changed due to health issues. **Jean & Earl Brigmann** volunteered to take over from

Betty & Gene Dunn and to co-host with **Pat & Bill Maher**. You may print off a copy of the schedule from the email or **view it at bottom of this newsletter** or we will have copies in your packet when you arrive. The rally hosts will have a list of reduced price show tickets if you haven't purchased yours in advance.

### **Business Meeting at Branson**

We will be voting on officers for the coming year. The Nominating committee has been working on a slate of officers but you may still volunteer for one of the positions.

A previously proposed change in the By-Laws allowing members to own motorhomes other than National will be presented for a vote. Four members who are unable to attend have sent their proxy votes.

### **Upcoming Rallies**

Our fall rally will be held at a fairgrounds near Oklahoma City on **Sept. 18-22**. There will be full hookups. We will then travel to the Six-State Rally in Shawnee which will be **Sept. 23-26**. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar now.

Who would like to **volunteer** to help with our pre-rally? We have the campground and suggested activities and tours ready for you.

Here is a letter from Ben Loganbill and Fred Kennedy:

## ***CHAPTER AMBASSADOR MEETING A SUCCESS***

*Our thanks to the more than 39 chapters who's President or his/her representative attended the Ambassador Briefing in Shawnee April 8 and 9. We believe we met our Association's goals which were to provide information and give an overview of the coming Six-State Area Rally September 23 – 26, 2009.*

*The two evening meals were great; a sample of the quality and quantity of food provided by the caterer who will do the three morning breakfasts in September. We know too, that everyone enjoyed the brief display of our entertainment for the last evening of our rally. During our two-day briefing there were many examples of the hospitality being extended by the City of Shawnee and the management and staff of the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center.*

*Since our visit in Shawnee, a morning and afternoon Antique Tractor Pull has been added for Saturday September 26th. That event will be held twice at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm respectfully. Please add this to your notes when describing the coming rally to your chapter.*

*The tentative plans for shuttle service to the Firelake Casino will begin Wednesday at 10:00 am and will continue on a "to be determined" schedule throughout the rally.*

*Please emphasize to your members that we have only 500 electric and water hookups. Those will go to the first 500 who register. Your members who want electric should register soon. We will be able, however, to accommodate a large number who want to dry camp and run their generators for a lesser registration fee.*

*We encourage you to impart our message of fun to your members. Investigate our Website at [www.sca-fmca.com](http://www.sca-fmca.com). Here you will find a link to FMCA's website where you can register for the coming rally. By May 1<sup>st</sup> we will have other information on our website about the coming rally, such as:*

*General Rally Information*

*Directions to the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center including GPS coordinates*

*Shawnee FAQ Sheet*

#### Future Six-State Rallies

Shreveport, LA September 29 – October 3, 2010

Hutchinson, KS September 28 – October 1, 2011

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#### **Member News**

**Marianne Anderson.** I plan to attend the rally at Branson. I am a member of Treasure Lake Park and have reserved a cabin there. My friend Shirley Radley will come down with me. I so miss having a motor home and the travel but just glad John and I got to go as much as we did. I really enjoy your news letters and thank you so much for them.

**Jim Bullman.** Terry & I will not be able to attend the rally in May. Our future daughter in law is graduating from L.S.U. and we must attend that on the 15th! Drats! I will be retiring this year after school is out, I teach, and we will be going to Northern California to spend several months enjoying the redwood coast. We will be at Kamp Klamath in Klamath California. Come out and see us! I hope the rally goes well and am really sorry we can't attend. Thanks for all you have done for us!

**Bronwen Soukup** said that **Jim** will be undergoing radiation treatments so they will be unable to attend the Branson rally. She said they would be unable to travel until at least Aug so Shawnee is their next goal.

**Gene & Betty Dunn wrote:** Here is our vote, for the change in the by-laws.. It is yes. Thanks for a great job. Sorry we won't be there for the Rally, I'm sure everyone will have

a great time.

**Bill & Audrey Gent** wish to send a warning. The post office apparently does not accept a change of address for individuals at a business address. Therefore, if you have your mail sent to a mail box business, e.g. PostNet, and it goes out of business, a change of address with the post office might not work leaving a lot of mail, prescriptions, etc. in "limbo".

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Send us your news for future newsletters. Where are you traveling or why aren't you traveling? How did you celebrate Mother's Day? Where did you find a good/bad mechanic? What is your latest favorite recipe? How did you solve a problem with your coach? etc., etc.

Frank & Janice Koch

## **BRANSON 2009 RALLY**

### **Tuesday May 12**

A.M. **Arrival**

3:00 **Registration** & receive rally packets

5:30 **Heavy Hors d'oeuvres**—Everyone bring their favorite to share and their own drinks. Club will provide cake & coffee for dessert.

### **Wednesday May 13**

9:00 **Seminar:** Larry Sorenson (Bring a chair to his rig)  
How to install a larger TV--and-- Pressure Pro tire monitors

10:00 **Shuffleboard**

12:00 **Lunch** on your own

2:00 **Miniature Golf**

3:30 **Social Hour**

5:00 **Bonfire & Cookout** Club provides hot dogs & buns. Everyone bring a **side dish, your own drink, chair, & hot dog forks**, if you have. Club provides the ingredients for **S'mores** for dessert.

### **Thursday, May 14**

9:00 Coffee & donuts in clubhouse

9:30 **Business Meeting and Election of Officers**

1:30 Car pool to **Charlies** for an 8 oz. Steak dinner.

3:00 Time for a show, such as: Pierce Arrow, Yakov Smirnoff, etc.  
**OR** group social hour back at camp.

### **Friday, May 15**

8:00 **Craft Sale**—Sell your crafts or extra camping items at the pavilion

10:00. On Your Own.

**Suggestions:** School of the Ozarks Museum, mill, farm, store, chapel and restaurant; Riverwalk; Branson Landing cruise; Ride the Ducks.

3:00 Time for a show and dinner on your own

**OR** group social hour and carpool to restaurant

7:00 Free entertainment in clubhouse: Ron & Opal (music & dancing)

### **Saturday, May 16**

8:00 Breakfast at Lodge—\$3.00 (3 pancakes, 2 strips bacon)

9:00 On Your Own. **Suggestions:** Silver Dollar City; Shop the 3 Malls

4:00 Social hour and car pool to Paradise Bar & Grill/Buffer

7:00 Free entertainment in clubhouse; The Thunderbirds (50's & 60's)

### **Sunday, May 17**

8:00 Breakfast at Lodge--\$2.50 (Biscuits & Gravy) or carpool to a Breakfast Buffet or church service

10:00 Goodbye's for those leaving on Sunday