

# National RV Central States FMCA Chapter

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**Winter 2011**

## NATIONAL RV CHAPTER SPRING RALLY

Choctaw RV Park  
3650 Enterprise, Blvd, Durant, Oklahoma  
May 16-18, 2011

Carmine & Dorothy Liscio/Rally Host  
Howard & Doris Harp/Rally Co-Host

If you are planning to attend our spring rally in Durant, Oklahoma, please register now. The RV Park is not asking for a deposit at this time. The registration information is posted below. So far, the following members have registered:

1. Bill & Pat Maher
2. Frank & Janice Koch
3. Larry & Norma Sorenson
4. Gene & Betty Dunn
5. Carmine & Dorothy Liscio
6. Howard & Doris Harp
7. Earl & Jean Brigmann
8. Steve & Joyce Sholty
9. Ray & Pat Holmes
10. Jan & Ben Bendixen

***\*\*\*To register for the rally, email or phone Carmine so he will know how many members are attending. Be sure to designate a Handicap site if you need one.***

Early arrivals: 12 Noon May 15, 2011. Inform them at registration that you are with the National RV Chapter.

**Note:** If you wish to arrive earlier you can, but you may have to move to be placed with our chapter on the 16<sup>th</sup> as another chapter is occupying the area prior to noon.

**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.

As for the week of May 15, 2011, The National RV Chapter tentatively has the group area booked. We have the site area for the week of May 15th, The Chapter Rally is 3 nights Arrive May 16, Depart 19th. Members wishing to stay longer are invited to do so.

## CLUB WEBSITE

Our Webmaster, Bill Gent, has added the December newsletter to the website; also information for the spring rally in Durant, OK. It is referenced (1) on the "What's New" page for January, (2) the bottom of the left hand column of all web pages as "Club's Next Rally," and (3) on the Club Activity Coming Events page - [www.nationalrv-centralstates.org/activity.html#coming](http://www.nationalrv-centralstates.org/activity.html#coming).

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

Be sure to have these dates 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 (see your emailed newsletter)

The 2012 Six-State Rally will be held in Wichita Falls, Texas, September 26-30..

## FROM OUR SOUTH CENTRAL AREA PRESIDENT

**Fred Kennedy**, our area president, sends this information:

All members need to make sure their individual records with FMCA remain up-to-date. The national office needs to have your mailing address, telephone number, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and coach make – the same information you provided when you joined FMCA. If any of this information changes during the year, you should submit the changes at that time. You can go online at FMCA.com to review and update the information at any time, or call the national office during office hours. You are the only

one who can change this information. Many updates are long overdue as the information is no longer useable to contact you.

## **FMCA CAMPGROUND IN CINCINNATI, OHIO**

If you travel into the Cincinnati area, you should plan to stop by the FMCA Office. The staff will give you a tour and show you what they do for all of us. You are in for a treat to learn many new things about your membership and benefits. Do not take your motor home to the main office at 8291 Clough Pike as there is no place to park in the parking lot. Go to the Round Bottom Road office where the campground is ready with 15 full hookups and others with just electric. Call the office to see if there are rallies or meetings taking place that would make the sites unavailable. When you arrive, check in at the office during office hours and they will show you where to park. You can stay for 2 days free and pay for extra days if needed to see the area and the offices. They are waiting for you to visit.

## **NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS**

### **From Jan and Ben Bendixen:**

We had a scary time in San Diego. We stayed for a month at the Admiral Baker Recreation Area (U. S. Navy). San Diego had more rain than in 29 years. Shortly before Christmas we awoke with our rig in 10 inches of dirty filthy water and the San Diego River about 30 yards away rising rapidly. Had to unhook in the water and evacuate to the parking lot. Not nice! Luckily the water went down quickly. We left from Admiral Baker 10 days early. On 1 January we moved to Ft. Huachuca, AZ (Sierra Vista). Since arrival the weather has been fantastic with no rain, but lots of sunshine.

### **From the Sorensens:**

We, along with Ray and Pat Holmes, took a seven-day 650-mile car trip from the Texas coast to Vera Cruz, Mexico to explore an area called *The Emerald Coast* along the Gulf for the possibility of taking our RVs there next winter. *The Emerald Coast*, between the cities Tampico and Vera Cruz, has numerous RV parks on the Gulf inhabited in years past by Snow Birds from the US and Canada. We stayed a night in Papantla where we visited the archaeological ruins of El Tajin's pyramids. We all agreed that was the highlight of our trip. We also enjoyed a beautiful outdoor ballet in downtown Vera Cruz. However the spacious and beautiful RV parks along the Gulf were a disappointment in that most of them were closed. In the few that were open, we saw only one RV. Otherwise, we didn't see any Americans or Canadians on the entire trip. Evidently all the reports of violence have kept the Snowbirds from traveling to the Gulf side of Mexico. The Pacific side is a different story, however. We have heard from several friends in Mazatlan and Kino Bay, where we have wintered in past years, enjoying the winter down there without any problems.