

SIX-STATE RALLY

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FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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Rollin' Okies
Roughnecks
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Sooner Coaches
South Central Bus Nuts
South Central Wanderers
South Central Winnies
South Texas Renegades
Southwinders
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Texas Outlaws
Texas Prevosts
Texas Road Runners
Thousand Trails of Texas
Tip-O-Tex
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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER SPRING 2008

Welcome to all with the Spring Chapter Rallies in full swing for the year. All chapters are making them lots of fun for members and new member guests.

Lou and I attended the 79th International Convention in Pomona, CA, February 25 – 28, 2008. While there we attended the Executive Board and Convention Committee meetings. All Executive Board members had a job to do during the convention. I was working with the handicap and activity trams captain and handicap seating at the night entertainment. I enjoyed this very much as the people are wonderful. The weather was good during the convention, a little cold at night, but we had a great time.

We attended the Executive Board Meeting and Committee Meetings in May at Cincinnati. The minutes of the Executive Board will be sent to you around the time you receive this letter. The Board is continuing to make changes to improve your association and trying very hard not to take any member benefits away so we can continue to grow.

Hard Work is Helping the Membership Drive

The work all of us have done this year to get new FMCA members is helping us grow. If we keep working, the South Central Area will grow at a faster rate than we have in the past. The Area Chapters are having good numbers of new members attending the chapter rallies. We have to go back to having fun doing new things at each chapter rally, showing other motorhome owners what they are missing and causing them to want to be part of this fun. Let's continue to work talking to and signing up motorhome owners to increase our Chapter and FMCA membership while having fun. PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR NEW MEMBERS NOW TO HELP ALL HAVE MORE FUN.

Your FMCA Membership Record

I thank all members who have updated their records. You are the only one who can change this information. Many updates are still long overdue as the information is no longer useable to contact you. This may be why I get calls that members are not getting information they have asked for or needed.

Chapter Officers' Information

Thanks for passing this information on to your chapter members. This newsletter only goes to Officers, so if you do not pass on the information to your members, they have no way to read our mind. Please copy any information you want into your newsletters for members of your chapter. We put this letter on the Area Web shown as the President's newsletter, check it out -- fmca.com, then South Central Area, newsletter or any other area items wanted.

*Fred Kennedy, F44281-South Central Area Vice President
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Other Information

- * Thanks to the South Central Area members for attendance at the Chapter Fair and the 79th International Convention in Pomona, CA.
- * 80th International Convention in St. Paul, MN July 14 – 17, 2008.
- * If you haven't already, make plans for your chapter to be represented at the annual Governing Board meeting, voting on the 2009 budget and other important business.
- * If your National Director or Alternate National Director cannot attend the international convention in St. Paul, it's time for your chapter to elect a Temporary Delegate to go to the convention. It is our goal to have all Chapters of the South Central Area represented at the meeting in July 2008. The deadline to elect a Temporary Delegate and notify the National Office in writing is June 23.
- * Don't miss the National Director and Alternate National Director training the day before the Governing Board meeting.

Family Motor Coaching Magazine

- * Our FMC Magazine Editor has requested that more pictures of chapter events be sent in for possible publication. They want pictures of activities with a short write-up. E-mail rgould@fmca.com
- * There are four places in the magazine to highlight your chapter 1. Association Calendar, 2. Chapter Spotlight, 3. Family and Friends, 4. Join a Chapter. Have you been using them?
- * FLYING J has a special summer program for FMCA members only. During June, July, and August, Flying J will be removing the first level of their discount schedule requirement for merchandise and restaurant purchases for FMCA Members to be eligible for fuel discounts. You must have an FMCA Flying J Real Value Card. The Card should have one of the following FMCA markings: 1. Your F number, 2. The word "FMCA," 3. The name "Family Motor Coach." If your card was not issued in conjunction with your FMCA membership or you have had it replaced over the years, you might want to check and be sure that it identifies you as an FMCA member in the Flying J system. You can call Flying J at (888) 438-3537 to verify or link FMCA to your card record. The Flying J ad on page 32 of the June issue of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine has further details on the program.
- * We now have a South Central Area communication committee for the newsletters and Web site as follows:

Chairman:	Tony Innocenti	cell phone (361) 648-3381
Web Master Captain:	Jim Hampton	
Web Master LT:	Jim Maynard	
News Master Captain:	Bill Stone	

The above committee is to help chapters on any communications, training aids, area rallies WiFi setup, and keep the Area Web Site with current information. The committee will help you on many tasks to make a Web Site work better for your chapter.

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Send your newsletter and Web site information for this year's contest at the rally in North Little Rock to Bill Stone, 4651 South Hemlock, Battlefield, MO 65619, billbettystone@yahoo.com. Be sure Bill receives your newsletter or Web site by September 1, 2008. The Committee will review all entries received for the contest and they will be awarding the prizes at the Rally.

Contact the chairman, Tony Innocenti, for more information and help.

Chapter Visits

Lou & I are trying to visit as many chapters as we can in the coming year. We look forward to meeting each and every one plus we enjoy going to chapter rallies. We would appreciate receiving your chapter newsletters and rally schedule so we can work as many as possible into our schedule to visit you. Please send them to: fkennedy@fmca.com.

Chapter Anniversaries 2008

Blue Bonnet Travelers	10/11/2003	5 years	
Texans on Safari	5/2/1998	10 years	Celebrated 3/28/2008
Monaco Wan-Na-Go's	10/30/1993	15 years	
Ozarks Prairie Sooners	3/20/1993	15 years	Celebrated 4/18/2008
South Central Wanderers	10/27/1988	20 years	
Thousand Trails of Texas	12/5/1987	20 years	Celebrated 1/11/2008
Westex	7/25/1978	30 years	
Arkansas Travelers	7/21/1973	35 years	
Rollin' Okies	7/21/1973	35 years	Celebrated 5/17/2008

I need the dates you are going to celebrate your anniversary so I can schedule to attend your rally.

Dates to Remember for 2008

80th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, MINNESOTA STATE FAIR, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, JULY 14-17, 2008

35th SIX-STATE RALLY, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2008

81st INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS & AGRICENTER, PERRY, GEORGIA, MARCH 16-19, 2009

82nd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO, JULY 20-23, 2009

Rally on the Rock

The Wagon Master and Six-State Officers, Cadre and Host Chapters are working to have a great rally. This is a very different type of rally. It has so many things to see and do like no other rally has ever done. Check out the overview with all things included in the rally fee and things to do on your own after or before the rally. We are planning to have a big party at the 35th Six-State Rally in North Little Rock, September 24 – 28, 2008. Please plan to attend this fun rally (put it on your schedule now); it will be nothing like you have ever seen before.

Registration has started with many already signed up and ready to go. It is time to register, call FMCA, visit FMCA.com or the May, June, July, and August *FMC* magazine issues. Send in your registration form now!!! Don't miss the fun. See you there.

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Lou & I have started the year with chapter visits as follows:

January 11 - 13, 2008	20 th Anniversary Party for Thousand Trails Of Texas, Willis, TX
February 6 - 10, 2008	Chapter Rally - South Texas Renegades, San Marcos, TX
February 19 - 29, 2008	International Convention, Pomona, CA
March 26 - 30, 2008	Chapter 10 th Anniversary Rally, Texans on Safari, Schertz, TX
April 8 - 12, 2008	Chapter Rally - Rally in the Pasture, Searcy, AR
April 13 - 16, 2008	Area Planning Rally, North Little Rock, AR
April 17 - 20, 2008	Chapter 15 th Anniversary, Ozarks Prairie Sooners, Branson, MO
May 15 - 18, 2008	Chapter 35 th Anniversary Rally, Rollin' Okies, Guthrie, OK
May 22 - 26, 2008	GLASS Area Rally, Berrien Springs, MI

We hope to see you on your trips as we enjoy our lifestyle in the motorhome visiting with our many FMCA member friends at rallies.

See you down the road.

Fred Kennedy

Fred & Lou Kennedy
President of Six-State Rally Association



Hey! – Do you want to stop here?
Can you safely maneuver your RV at this location?
If it has the RV FRIENDLY SIGN, it's ok!!

We've created a page at FMCA.com so members can find the RV Friendly comments information easily. All you have to do is type www.fmca.com/rvfriendly in your web browser, and you'll go directly to the page that explains how to submit comments.

FMCA initiated this program 6 years ago and 15 states have started using it. Now, special interests want to make unnecessary and potentially unsafe changes. Unless you help, the whole program will be changed. Please visit www.fmca.com/rvfriendly or www.rvact.com and tell the Federal Highway Administration that RV owners want to play by the original rules. Or you may write to US Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD TODAY!!