

# SIX-STATE RALLY

## ASSOCIATION, INC.



## FMCA'S SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

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## PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008

Welcome to the New Year with many exciting things to do and new places to go in the coming year.

Lou and I attended the New Officer Orientation, Executive Board Meeting and Committee Meetings in November at Cincinnati. The minutes of the Board meetings have been sent out to keep all posted on the work being done to improve your association. The Board has put new procedures and the 2008 approved budget in place to improve operations so we can continue to grow.

### It is Time for the Membership Drive

All of us need to work hard to get new FMCA members. I would like to see the South Central Area grow at a faster rate than we have in the past. If each of us signed up one new member this year, most of the Area Chapters and FMCA problems would go away. 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 go to work talking to and signing up motorhome owners to increase our Chapter and FMCA membership while having fun. We cannot take NO for the answer. PLEASE SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS NOW.

### Your FMCA Membership Record

The importance of chapter certification each year is to update chapter membership records. The chapter secretary does this yearly. This works to tell the national office who belongs to each chapter, but they cannot change your individual membership records. Each member needs to review their records to verify all data that they show. You can go online and make the changes on your record only. They need address, telephone, cell phones, e-mail address, coach make--the same as you did when you joined FMCA. If this changes during the year you should make the correction at that time. 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. This may be why I get calls that members are not getting information they have asked for or needed.

### Chapter Officers' Information

This newsletter only goes to Officers; so if you do not pass on the information to your members, they have no way to read your mind. Please share this information with all chapter members. We put this letter on the Area Web page shown as the President's newsletter. Check it out--FMCA.com, then Areas, South Central Area, newsletter or any other area items wanted.

*Fred Kennedy, F44281-South Central Area Vice President  
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## New Year's Greetings

Fred has asked me to submit a column for his newsletter and tell you a little about what goes on in the life of the Senior Vice President after the previous year's Six-State rally.

First, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May your roads of travel be smooth and straight and your hills all gentle. I pray for travel mercies and good health.

As I left Sedalia, I went to North Little Rock for the Ambassadors rally. We were well entertained by the North Little Rock representatives. We were able to iron out some of the issues for next year's rally and see some of the sights that you all can see in September while attending the rally. Work is ongoing in preparation for the rally by both the representatives of North Little Rock and your Association officers. We are securing the Host Chapters and working on some of the logistics of the rally. The entertainment committee is securing the four nights of entertainment, with some outstanding daytime and nighttime entertainment. Work is being done by both groups in securing vendors and show coaches, in larger numbers than we have seen at past rallies. Parking lots are being prepared, as well as the construction of an open-air pavilion to be used for morning coffee and a general assembly facility. All of this is pointing to one of the best rallies we have put together. You will have more free time to go and see points of interest than in the past, but will still have seminars, and lots more vendors and show coaches to visit. With your credentials, you will be able to ride the trolleys over the Arkansas River into the restaurant and arts district of Little Rock. The vendors will be at the rally three full days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) for your shopping pleasure. The show coaches will be open for your viewing the same three days.

As I write this column, I am at the Conroe Thousand Trails RV Park, where we are holding our Association Board Meeting and Workshop. We will be conducting our Association's business and meeting with the North Little Rock representatives during the next four days.

Following the Board Meeting, I will be staying over and attending the Thousand Trails of Texas Chapter's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rally. This is one of the really fun things that I get to do when possible each year. It is very enjoyable for me to visit chapters celebrating anniversaries and get acquainted with the really great people in the South Central Area.

In April I will go to North Little Rock to conduct the planning rally with the Host Chapters and the other Six-State officers and cadre. During the planning rally each host chapter will select what jobs they will be doing at the rally. This is usually two days of pretty intense planning to make sure we have all of the jobs covered that have to be done to put on a successful rally. This is also a time to meet and get acquainted with people I have not had the pleasure of working with in the past.

Registration for this year's Six-State rally will open soon, and my life will become a little faster paced, answering the phone calls and putting together the program, along with the other people responsible, and putting the spit and polish on the final product. This is the time when I get to speak with many of you and answer your questions or explain procedures.

In mid-September the officers, cadre and host chapters start arriving in North Little Rock to get the wheels in motion. The parking crew arrives to start parking the coaches that are beginning to arrive. The registration people arrive to start handling the exceptions related to parking. This year you will be totally registered through the Cincinnati office and will receive a placard designating the day that you are to arrive. If you arrive on that day, you will be picked up by the parkers and taken directly to your parking spot. If you do not arrive on your designated day, you will have to go to the holding area and be cleared through registration. Security volunteers will arrive. Tram volunteers will arrive and will start training to provide the outstanding service that they render and all of the other volunteers will arrive. The first day for early arrivals will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The rally dates are September 24 – September 28, 2008. Hope you all have a pleasant summer and plan on coming to the "RALLY ON THE ROCK." See you there.

*Ben Loganbill*

Ben Loganbill  
Senior Vice President  
Six-State Rally Association

## **RVIA 2007 Show at Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY**

The new FMCA Officers all took their turn working the FMCA booth at this 3-day show at the end of November 2007. This trade show is a yearly affair where the recreation vehicle manufacturers show all their new products for the coming year to dealers. Lou & I were happy to be a part of this big show, but it is too big to see it all without your running shoes. The industry is working very hard to improve their coaches with new state-of-the-art features. The fuel cost is being worked on by all manufacturers to improve mileage and get weight down. It is a start to help motorhomers as manufacturers come up with new ideas and improved vehicle operation.

## **FMCA Campground in Cincinnati, OH**

If you travel to the Cincinnati area, all 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 motorhome 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. 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 to see the area and the offices. They are waiting for you to come visit.

## **Changes**

With the passing of the new budget, beginning in January 2008 each chapter will have a choice of free items from FMCA. In the past your president has called FMCA and asked for the chapter prize package. You will now also have two other options. In lieu of the \$110 prize package, you can request a coffeepot or you can request a vinyl banner with your chapter's name. The chapter name is the official name as indicated in FMCA records. Let me know how you like this change.

## **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](mailto:fkennedy@fmca.com).

## **Chapter Anniversaries 2008**

Blue Bonnet Travelers	10/11/2003	5 years	
Texans on Safari	5/2/1998	10 years	
Monaco Wan-Na-Go's	10/30/1993	15 years	
Ozarks Prairie Sooners	3/20/1993	15 years	
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	

## Dates to Remember for 2008

79<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, FAIRPLEX-POMONA, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY 25-28, 2008

80<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, MINNESOTA STATE FAIR-ST PAUL, MINNESOTA, JULY 14-17, 2008

35<sup>th</sup> SIX-STATE RALLY, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2008

Lou & I have started the year with a Six-State board meeting and workshop January 6-9, 2008. Then it's on to a chapter visit January 11-13, 2008, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for Thousand Trails of Texas. We will be making more chapter visits before we are to be in Pomona, CA, on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the 79<sup>th</sup> International Convention. We are planning to have a big party at the 35<sup>th</sup> Six-State rally in North Little Rock. Please plan to attend this fun rally (put it on your schedule now); it will be nothing like you have ever seen before. Now is the time to plan for the New Year to use your motorhome and come to the Six-State rally. We hope to see you on your trips as we enjoy our lifestyle in the motorhome visiting with our many FMCA friends at rallies.

See you down the road.

*Fred Kennedy*

Fred & Lou Kennedy  
President of Six-State Rally Association

