

South Central Area

Presidents Newsletter

There have been changes this past year to FMCA. We are now using the DBA name of **Family RV Association**. At the Redmond Convention in August the Governing Board voted on some changes: They raised the dues; however, the Executive Board changed to \$99 per year. The Medical and Travel Assist changed providers. Arch will now administer the program with new numbers to 844-289-3442 (US & Canada) and 443-901-4691 (international). Details on coverage are on the website www.fmca.com/medica-and-travel-assist . A few other changes including the Sr Vice President title change to Vice President; Area Vice Presidents title change to Area President. If a vacancy occurs in the Aea President position, the Area Sr. Vice President will automatically become Area President. The Executive Board approved of a new logo to reflect the DBA, Family RV Association. President Gary Milner resigned due to his health issues. Paul Mitchell assumed the Presidents' position and Bob Weithofer became the Vice President. New officers will be elected at the 2025 Governing Board meeting in Gillette, Wyoming.

Six State Rally will have their 50th Rally in Mineola Civic Center in Mineola, Texas on Sept. 24-27, 2025. We are trying to make this a great party for all. Mineola has repainted one of their Tennis courts for Pickle ball, and most of the parking will be in a big circle in front of the building close to everything going on. By February we will have some updates on our web site with activities at Mineola.

We will also have elections for some of our officers for Six State Rally Assoc. Any current **member of Family RV Association that lives in the South Central Area** is eligible to run for an area Officer position. I encourage you to become more involved in

our area. Having served in numerous offices over the years and I can say serving the membership offers exciting experiences.

The work can be hard and frustrating at times, but you meet the most interesting people and go to places you might not have thought about going while receiving a feeling of satisfaction that you are making a difference. Our future depends on strong leadership, and you might be just the right person we need.

Dates to Remember:

National Convention in Perry, GA - March 12-15, 2025 National Convention in Gilette, WY - July 16-19, 2025 Six State 50th Rally in Mineola, TX - Sept. 24-27, 2025

GREAT SAFETY TIP

If you are lost while hiking, stranded with a broken-down car, etc. and you notice your cell phone is low on juice or you have no signal. This may save your life. Change your voicemail to a message that gives your location, the time, date, your situation, and any special instructions, walking to town, staying with car, and approximate location. The best part of this is your phone dies or stops working, your voicemail still works, so if someone is looking for you, they get the message and know where to send help.

The following pages will give the job descriptions, and a nomination form you can send to me (<u>diannahuff47@gmail.com</u>).

We are voting on Sr Vice President, two Vice Presidents, and Secretary. You must have nomination form with resume to me by **MAY 1, 2025.**

Remember, we are Family.

Hope to see you at the Rally!

Dianna Huff

Dianna Huff South Central Area / Six State Rally President

Sr Vice President / Rally Master

The Senior Vice President shall, in the absence or disability, of the President will perform all duties of the President relating to association duties, and when so acting shall have the powers of and be subject to the restrictions of the President. Also, the Senior Vice President assists the President and performs the duties assigned by the President. When running for the Senior Vice President job he/she should also commit to eventually running for the President job. They will be responsible for helping the President of SRA to produce a South-Central Area Rally and any International Convention held in the South-Central Area.

Responsibilities include:

Checking on all commitments and Contracts Checking on planning and setting up of the Operations Center Coordinating placement of signs along route to rally Making sure parting area is marked off and assigned by parking Captain Checking on registration area is set-up and staffed Checking on Trams Captain on operation Checking on Golf Cart Captain on distribution Checking with Vendor Captain to see if they need anything for setup Check on Volunteers, Chaplin, Photographer Conduct final inspection of the site after the rally is over to verify everything is left as agreed upon in the site contract.

SRA Facility Vice President

The Regional Vice President shall perform all duties and directives as designated by the SRA President. They shall represent SRA to the FRVA members and chapters in their area. They will be responsible for helping the President of SRA to produce a South-Central Area Rally, and any National Convention held in the South-Central Area.

Facilities Vice President will have the following duties:

They will be over indoors operations at the rally, except for Food and Quilts. Checking with Vendor Captain, Merchandise Captain, Seminar Captain, and Craft Captain. Coordinate with facility or Sr. Vice President on any problems with rooms.

SRA Grounds Vice President

The Regional Vice President shall perform all duties and directives as designated by the SRA President. They shall represent SRA to the FRVA members and chapters in their area. They will be responsible for helping the President of SRA to produce a South-Central Area Rally and any National Convention held in the South-Central Area.

Grounds Vice President will have the following duties:

They will be over all outside operations at rallies.

Check with Parking Captain, Security Captain, Trams Captain, Signs Captain, and Golf Carts / Radio Captain making sure everything is running correctly. Coordinate with facility on any electrical, grounds or building problems.

SRA Secretary Duties

As per the Standing Rules:

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and shall maintain a record of the membership of the Board of Directors. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other such duties as may be required by the SRA Bylaws, or which, may from time to time, be assigned by the executive Board and the Board of Directors. They will be responsible for helping the President of SRA to produce a South-Central Area Rally and any National Convention held in the South-Central Area.

Secretary will have the following duties:

Attend the Executive Board Meeting in January and record the minutes.

Attend the Planning Meeting in April for the upcoming Rally. Plan and supervisor the food.

Plan food for the Rally and Ladies Tea. Check with the Food Captain and the Quilt Captain to make sure they have everything they need at the Rally. Make packets for the National Directors and executive board for the annual meeting and take minutes.

Make Notebooks for the January Executive Board Meeting.