



FMCA's South Central Area SIX-STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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THE COVID-19 VIRUS has changed all of our lifestyles. All of us now know what "Shelter in Place" and "Social Distancing" means. The last one about social distancing is going to be very difficult as almost all FMCA members like to hug and be real close to their friends. It wasn't long ago that entering a bank with a mask would get you arrested. Now if you don't wear one, you may get fined. Protest marches and rioting have become something we hear about every day. The peaceful marches are helping to spread a very important message, while the riots threaten to destroy the message that needs to be delivered. Our country deserves a special place in our prayers.

With everything mentioned above, businesses have had to lay off employees, downsize, and drastically change plans to survive. Is it any wonder that FMCA has faced the same issues? As a member-owned organization, we have laid off 14 employees; cancelled two conventions due to safety; cut back on expenses, and looked at changes we can make, all in an effort to continue to serve our member/owners to the best of our ability. We also passed a negative budget, but more meetings are scheduled to be held and I expect to see that change. The road is bumpy, but we will emerge the better for it as fire will strengthen and not destroy us. Bear with us, enjoy your FMCA friendships, get on the road when you can do so safely, and check your *Family RVing* magazine for the latest news and best places to go.

Dates To Remember

October 6 – 10 2021

Winter 2021 – Perry, GA Summer 2021 – Gillette, WY 48th Six State Rally – Hutchinson, KS

FMCA is also looking at – Sedalia, MO, Hutchinson, KS; Lincoln, NE; Oshkosh, WI; Tuscon, AZ; and Tulsa, OK.

Chapter rally visits have been very sparse, but I would like to visit if possible. Please send your chapter rally schedule to me. I will try to make as many as possible.



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The South Central Area has a website (sca-fmca.com). We are going to start a new posting. Beginning in July we will highlight a campground a month on the website. Soon we will be able to build a list of places that members or chapters can go. I hope to put links on the web so if a campground looks or sounds good to you, just click on the link for phone numbers and reservation information. This should help the rally masters to find areas to go to. If you have a favorite place to hold a rally, please send me the information. Check the site often for the latest news and updates.

Each of the current officers will not be able to serve another term. Please consider getting involved and help us find someone willing to hold an office in SRA. As you know, it is difficult to get someone to hold a chapter office, so imagine how hard it is to get someone to hold a position in SRA. The rewards are in the friendships you make and gaining a broader knowledge of FMCA far outweighs the time you put in as an officer. The officers will change at our next rally at Hutchinson, Kansas. I will not be able to serve another term as I have served my four years also. The Governing Board (National Directors) will get a nomination form in the spring for nominations. Anyone wanting to run for an office, please call me or drop me an e-mail and I will try to get you as much information as possible.

Look at our website for pictures of the Mardi Gras Rally and all previous rallies. Build your own scrapbook or, since most of us are staying home, just browse the pictures for some fond memories of good times with your friends.

We would like to WELCOME the Lone Star Bounders Chapter (a Bounders International club) which joined FMCA and the South Central Area. We normally like to park a new chapter in a special place to welcome them. Since the Shawnee rally is cancelled this year, we will make them welcome at Hutchinson, in 2021.

As a National Area Vice President, my job is to help and assist anyone in the South Central Area, if you are in a chapter or not. Any FMCA member is WELCOME to send me an email with a question or if you feel I can be of assistance in any way. You are also welcome to just give a call and chat if you feel you would like to do so.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE FMCA

EMPLOYEES. When the Governor of Ohio issued the order for all employees to remain home, the employees of FMCA came up with a plan to do all their work from home and enable us to continue to serve our membership. There were a few problems, but when Jason (*the I.T. guy that can make a pig fly*) got through getting everyone connected at home, FMCA continued to click right along. THANKS TO EVERYONE that put in so much time and effort to keep FMCA strong.

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