

Prior to 2017 National Director Reports



KANSAS TWISTERS

Chapter of the
Family Motor Coach Association



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National Directors Report November 2016

Well, another camping season has come to an end and I am glad to see that the Kansas Twisters Chapter is thriving. You will not be seeing Loretta and me at the 2017 campouts in our Class "C" Minnie Winnie. We finally sold it! Loretta was getting worried as it took five days from when we first advertised it until it was gone. It wasn't until the second person looked at it before we could make a deal that everyone was comfortable with, so from now on we will just have to get by with our bigger and newer Itasca Class A.

2016 was an interesting year for the FMCA. The South Central Area vice president suddenly resigned and we had to have an election for a replacement. An election which I lost by the way.

We had a great Summer Convention in Massachusetts. The only downside was that the attendance barely exceeded 1,000 coaches of family members. As an aside, those of you who have been in the FMCA for a while remember that we used to have Summer and Winter Conventions. Then "Convention" was dropped and we started having Summer and Winter Rallies. The wordy "Rally" became unpopular so we changed to "Reunions". This year at the Governing Board Meeting a motion was made to change from "Reunion" to "Convention". You guessed it; starting in 2017 we will have Summer and Winter Conventions.

It is a fact of life that everything is becoming more expensive. The Governing Board was forced to increase the dues by ten dollars a year, thus a new member to FMCA pays \$60 and every year thereafter the dues are \$50. Loretta doesn't like to hear it, but the dues increase works out to be 20 cents per week which is small change.

There is a ballot in the October Issue of FMC Motor Coaching. It is very important that you vote. Why you ask? When the FMCA was organized, the RV industry didn't exist. Motor homes were converted busses and the FMCA's "Articles of Incorporation" were written to support and preserve this way of life. No one could have foreseen the growth of the RV industry as it is today. The way the "Articles" are written the FMCA is stymied from investigating any new endeavors. A "Yes" vote allows the FMCA to update the "Articles of Incorporation" to look at new business opportunities. It does NOT allow the FMCA to start any new businesses. Instead, if the FMCA wishes to start any new business activity, they will have to bring this proposed opportunity to the entire general membership and have them vote to approve it before the Governing Board can proceed with voting on the new opportunity. So a "Yes" vote only gives the FMCA permission to look, but NOT touch!

UPCOMING FMCA CONVENTIONS

Winter 2017 – Wild Horse Casino, Chandler, Arizona – February 7th thru 10th
Summer 2017 – Indianapolis, Indiana

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2018 – Texarkana, Arkansas
2018 – Shawnee, Oklahoma

Call me or email me at any time.

David Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

National Directors Report October 2015

This report will be short as there is not much going on at the governing level during this time of the year with the exception of the special election to fill Jim McCabe's position of South Central Area vice president.

FMCA has hired Membership Corporation of America (MCA) to develop new programs to gain new members, retain current members, and to "Win-Back" members who have dropped out of FMCA. MCA will be paid a portion of the dues collected for each member they get to join, or rejoin, FMCA.

FMCA is now down to 404 active chapters. This represents a loss of over 100 chapters in only five years which equates with the FMCA's drop in membership over the past decade. It appears that the loss of membership is not due to a dislike of FMCA, but more to the fact of an aging motor home owner population and the fact that the motor home life style is not that popular with the younger generation.

FMCA ELECTION

The National Directors of the South Central Area need to nominate candidates to fill the position of South Central Area vice president who also serves as the president of the Six-State Rally Association (SRA). I will be calling for suggestions for a nominee at the chapter meeting at Crossroads RV Park. Several of the Kansas Twisters chapter members have asked that I nominate myself. I appreciate the suggestion, but the nominee must be the person selected by the chapter, whether it be me or any other qualified member of the South Central Area.

UPCOMING FMCA REUNIONS

Summer 2016 – West Springfield, Massachusetts – August 3rd thru 6th

Winter 2017 – Wild Horse Casino, Chandler, Arizona – February 7th thru 10th

Summer 2017 – Indianapolis, Indiana

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

The Six-State Rally Association Rally in Conroe, Texas is going on as I write this. Details of what happened at Conroe will be in my next report.

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2016 – Shawnee, Oklahoma – September 7th thru 10th.

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David Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

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National Directors Report August 2015

Another Governing Board Meeting has come and gone and by all standards it was a relatively short and noncontroversial meeting. Of most importance to the membership we voted to continue NOT raising the dues to cover the shortfall in the budget. Instead we are relying on the interest earned from FMCA's investments to fill the shortfall and to cover the cost of FMCAAssist.

FMCA ELECTIONS

It wasn't a surprise to anyone that Charlie Adcock was reelected President along with Jon Walker as Senior Vice-President and Percy Bell as Treasurer. The battle for Secretary is another story as it was a close battle between Jon Ferrari and Gaye Young. Gaye won by 12 votes out of 281 cast.

Jim McCabe was reelected in April as the South Central Area Vice-President who also serves as the President of the Six-State Rally Association.

GOVERNING BOARD ACTIONS

Two changes to the Bylaws were voted on and passed:

1. Proposal #1 – Voting rights by individual or by member number (other than constitutional matters) shall be determined by the chapter. This passed 270 -1. Yours truly was the dissenting vote!
2. Proposal #2 - A temporary voting delegate can be appointed by the chapter president seven (7) days prior to the Governing Board Meeting, under certain circumstances. This was the most controversial issue of the day. We took over an hour trying to determine what an "emergency" is. This passed by a rising vote.

Six changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual were presented:

1. Proposal #1 - Associate (A) members will also receive member benefits. Passed
2. Proposal #2 – Make sure that the Governing Board Members (National Directors) are well informed in a timely manner on any issue requiring a vote prior to the voting process. Failed.
3. Clarifies that the area national vice president arranges the staffing for booths at the RV show and is not required to staff the booth. Passed.
4. Proposal #4 – The P&P was changed to match the wording in Bylaw Proposal #1 that was passed earlier in the day.
5. Proposal #5 – The P&P 3022 was changed to match the wording in Bylaw Proposal #2 that was passed earlier in the day.
6. Proposal #6 – The P&P 3024 was changed to match the wording in Bylaw Proposal #2 that was passed earlier in the day.

By all standards, the Reunion in Madison was small. We had a total attendance of 1,434 member coaches. Those who were there had a great time.

To help lower the costs of a Reunion there are now only three nights of entertainment. The first night will be a presentation by the Frustrated Maestros and the other two nights are filled by local and/or regional entertainment. We are no longer going to pay a high premium for older, high dollar, entertainers.

As you are aware, Rod and Wanda Ryel were appointed to the FMCA's Youth Program back in January. Madison was their first Reunion in that position and they both did a fabulous job. We look forward to them being active members of the Youth Program for many years to come.

Finally, we made two changes to the upcoming Reunion schedule. The State of New York had to cancel our 2016 Reunion in Syracuse due to a major construction project. The convention committee recommended and it was approved to go to the Eastern States Exhibition Grounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts in August. FNCA cancelled the contract with Pomona, California for the winter of 2017 Reunion. The new site for the 2017 Winter Reunion will be in Chandler, Arizona in early February.

UPCOMING FMCA REUNIONS

Summer 2016 – West Springfield, Massachusetts – August 3rd thru 6th

Winter 2017 – Chandler, Arizona – February 7th thru 10th

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

The Six-State Rally Association Rally will be in Conroe, Texas. The theme this year is the "Eyes of Texas". Please see page 86 in the August 2015 FMC Motor Coaching magazine for complete details.

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2016 – To be advised.

Call me or email me at any time.

David Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

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National Directors Report

April 2015

FMCA ELECTIONS

Now that spring is here things are heating up at National. First on the list this year is the election (reelection) of the South-Central Area Vice-President of the FMCA.

I will be voting the afternoon of May 3rd for Jim McCabe for a second term as the South Central Area Vice-President who is also the President of the Six-State Area Rally Association (SRA) I have known Jim for a number of years and he has always worked as hard as he can for the FMCA/SRA. That being said, however, the membership of the Kansas Twisters has the last say on who I vote for. Attached to this mailing is Jim McCabe's resume. If you feel that I should not vote for Jim, please make your feelings known no later than the end of the business meeting at the Kansas Twister's Rally in Westmoreland on May 2nd. You can express yourself in an e-mail, at the meeting or by mail, whatever is best for you.

Also the FMCA's nominating committee has released their slate of officers to be elected at the Governing Board Meeting in Madison. All of the incumbents, with the exception of Vicky Ferrari (secretary) have been renominated. Vicky has reached the end of her four year term in office so the nominating committee has nominated her husband, John, to run for secretary.

Once nominations from the general membership are received I will make a report on the full slate of candidates for National office along with my recommendations as to who the best candidates are.

UPCOMING FMCA REUNIONS

Summer 2015 – Madison, Wisconsin – July 29 thru August 1

Summer 2016 – Indianapolis, Indiana – Dates to be advised

Winter 2017 – Pomona, California – Dates to be advised

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

The Six-State Rally Association will be holding a planning meeting in Conroe, Texas the last week of March. Details regarding the Six-State Rally in Conroe should be available shortly after that meeting concludes.

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2015 – Conroe, Texas – October 7 thru 11

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David Marlowe, Kansas Twisters National Director

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National Directors Report

March 2015

FMCA NATIONAL

Spring is almost here and I still haven't had any measurable snow! In any case things are heating up on the national level as the new RV season is upon us.

First, the spring 2015 Reunion in Pomona is in two weeks. Attendance appears to be down this year. I don't know if it is the economy or just that southern California is too far to go for a motor home rally for a lot of us. You may remember that the Governing Board voted to eliminate the winter Reunion five years ago, but it was revived last year to see if there was enough interest to bring it back, Time will tell as we cannot afford to have multiple, money losing, reunions.

Second, the registration form has been released for the summer Reunion in Madison, Wisconsin. There will be details both in the FMCA magazine and in my reports as to the plans and attractions. If possible, take advantage of the "Early Bird" registration rates. The Reunion with parking and 30 amp electricity is only \$370 (add \$120) if you require 50 amp service.

Third, besides being your National Director I, along with Loretta, plan the FMCA's youth activities. This year we have been charged with scrapping the Youth Program as it has existed for the past 35 years, and having an entirely new plan ready to be implemented at Madison in July. Our committee has members from the four corners of the country and now I would like to announce that Rod and Wanda Ryel of the Kansas Twisters have also joined the committee. If you have grandchildren or know anyone who has grandchildren we are open to hearing all suggestions as to what the children might like to see and do at a national Reunion.

FMCA ELECTIONS

2015 is election year for the FMCA. The Nominating Committee will meet in Pomona and release their slate of candidates. Charlie Adcock will be running for a second term as president as well as Jon Walker for senior vice-president, Vick Ferrari for secretary and Percy Bell for treasurer. I am assuming, like past elections, there will be several challengers for each office. Please read their biographies, when published, in the FMCA magazine and let me know your preferences for the election. As your National Director, I am bound to vote as the chapter

directs unless you give me your approval to use my best judgment at the Governing Board meeting.

There will be two FMCA By-Law amendments to be voted on. They are:

1. Article III - Membership. Currently each member of the household (usually husband and wife) each has a vote on all issues. The proposed change would allow the chapters to determine whether each member or only one member from each family can vote. I am opposed to this amendment. I believe that every member should have a vote as every opinion is welcome. I plan to vote NO on this Bylaw amendment.
2. Article VIII – Governing Board. The chapter is represented on the national level by the National Director (or Alternate National Director). Currently, if neither the National Director nor the Alternate National Director can attend a Governing Board Meeting then the chapter is supposed to elect a Temporary Delegate for that meeting only. This works fine if you know months in advance that neither director can attend, but leaves the chapter without a representative at the meeting if the inability to attend the meeting occurs shortly before the meeting takes place. This amendment will allow the Chapter President to appoint a Temporary Delegate to attend the meeting. The Temporary Delegate can be named up to 3 business days before the Governing Board meeting takes place. I plan to vote YES on this amendment as we trust out president's judgment.
3. For those of you new to the FMCA, the election meetings have a tendency to run twelve or more hours. The convention committee now finds the hardest chairs they can so that we conduct our business in a timely fashion!

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Future Six State Rally Sites:

2015 – Conroe, Texas – October 7 thru 11

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David Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

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National Directors Report

October 2014

FMCA NATIONAL

FMCA annual reunion in Redmond has come and gone! Now it is time to starting making plans for Madison, Wisconsin July 29 thru August 1, 2015.

Compared to many of the Governing Board Meeting held in the past decade, the meeting in Redmond was short and sweet. There were two pieces of business approved that will have a positive affect for you:

1. FMCA Assist was approved to be funded once more by FMCA. If you have a medical event while travelling, the FMCA will pay to have you taken to the nearest medical facility and to have your family and motor coach returned to your home. Unfortunately if you have already purchased the previous FMCA Assist benefits at \$114 per year, there will be no refunds. You will remain under the old program until your contract expires.
2. The Michelin Tire Discount Program has been expanded to include both light truck and passenger car tires. Previously it had provided discounts only on motor coach tires. Discounts can be as high as 50% from the list price (not the sales price). See your local Michelin dealer for any quotes and then contact FMCA for the discount.

Cincinnati is in the process of launching a new membership management and customer relations software package. As with most software packages, there have been delays and problems in implementing the new programs. If you have not received some membership information you've been waiting for, it's most likely due to their computer delays. If you need to call the national office, be prepared for a slower than usual response to handling your inquiry.

Speaking of the Governing Board meeting, this Bylaw Amendment was defeated by a vote of 110 "For" and 111 "Against". It read as follows:

PROPOSAL #1

Article IX – Executive Board

Amend the article to read:

(2) The national officers of the FMCA are the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Area Vice Presidents.

(3) The Executive Board is comprised of the national officers of FMCA ~~and FMCA's Immediate Past President (non-voting advisor).~~

(17) The voting members of the Executive Board shall serve as the Board of Directors of the Family Motor Coaching, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of FMCA, in accordance with the Code of Regulations of Family Motor Coaching, Inc. ~~FMCA's Immediate Past President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Board of Directors.~~

UPCOMING FMCA REUNIONS

Winter 2015 – Pomona, California – March 26 thru 29

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Winter 2017 – Pomona, California – Dates to be advised

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

The Six-State Rally in Shreveport, Louisiana was a rather quiet affair. At the Annual Meeting it was voted to change the name of the “Red Hat Luncheon” to the “Ladies Social (Red Hats Welcome)”. There was confusion in the past that if you didn’t belong to the Red Hat Society then you could not attend the luncheon. The name change should clear up any questions on that. And yes, the red hats and purple dresses will most likely dominate the event.

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2015 – Conroe, Texas – October 7 thru 11

This is my final report as National Director. I appreciate all the support you have given me this year. David Marlowe has been elected to take over the position, so you’ll be receiving reports from him from now on. I wish him the best in his new “job”!

LORETTA MARLOWE

Call me or email me at any time.

David Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

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**ROLL CALL SHEET INFORMATION
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**REDMOND, OREGON
AUGUST 13, 2014**

CHAPTER NAME: KANSAS TWISTERS (KST)

AREA: South Central Area

NATIONAL DIRECTOR	ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR
F267754 LORETTA MARLOWE 12648 170 ST LINWOOD KS 66052-4040	N/A
If incorrect, please complete the following:	If incorrect, please complete the following:
Name: _____	Name: _____
Membership #: _____	Membership #: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Date Elected: _____	Date Elected: _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary Delegate Name <u>DAVID MARLOWE</u> F# <u>267754</u>
Date Elected: <u>5-17-14</u>
I certify that the above mentioned <i>Temporary Delegate</i> was elected and is a member of this chapter.

I certify that the above information is correct for the 2014 Governing Board Meeting in REDMOND, OREGON.

Signed: Alice Elkins 6-3-14
Chapter Secretary Date

PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 13, 2014

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form. Please encourage your members to keep their membership records current online at www.fmca.com, by sending an e-mail message to addresschange@fmca.com, by calling 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622 or by faxing to 513-474-2332 or 800-543-4717.

National Directors Report April 2014

FMCA NATIONAL

FMCA has launched a new RV insurance program for members only. FMCA has brought together a group of RV insurance specialists that will offer many insurance options for FMCA members' motorhomes and personal vehicles. To learn more about the new FMCA RV insurance packages you can

go to www.fmcarvinsurance.com or call 877-589-3599

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As promised, Charlie Adcock is working feverishly to have the FMCA Assist Emergency Evacuation Plan reestablished as part of your dues instead of the \$105 per year premium as it now stands. Charlie plans to roll out a new proposal at the governing board meeting in Redmond this August.

Speaking of the Governing Board meeting, there will be one Bylaw Amendment on the ballot. It reads as follows:

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The purpose of this amendment is to cut costs. The Immediate Past President is paid mileage and is required to attend all Executive Board Meetings even though they have no voting privileges. If passed, the Immediate Past President would be invited to attend Executive Board Meetings if they like at their own cost, but they would not be required to be present.

Please review and advise me as to how you would like for me to cast my vote at the Governing Board Meeting.

FMCA YOUTH COMMITTEE

The FMCA's Youth Programming is proceeding at a rapid pace. As you have read in the in the 2014 issues of Family Motor Coaching we have plenty of activities and outings planned for the youth in attendance.

I hope that as many members of the Kansas Twisters as possible will make the trip to Redmond this year. While there, please stop by the Youth Center and see how things are progressing for yourself.

UPCOMING FMCA REUNIONS

Summer 2014 – Redmond, Oregon – August 13th thru August 16th

Winter 2015 – Pomona, California – March 26 thru 29th

Summer 2015 – Madison, Wisconsin – Dates to be advised

Summer 2016 – Indianapolis, Indiana – Dates to be advised

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

The next Six-State Rally will be in Shreveport, Louisiana in October. I hope all can attend. I will have more information for you as it becomes available.

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2014 – Shreveport, Louisiana – October 1 – 4

2015 – North Little Rock, Arkansas – Dates to be TBA

Call me or email me! Let's talk!

Loretta Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

National Directors Report January 2014

FMCA NATIONAL

The Executive Board Meeting was held the Week of October 23rd in Cincinnati. Many exciting and new issues were addressed at this meeting. I would like to share just a few of these with you.

It is a consistent comment that chapters are not actively seeking new members. We all need to invite any prospective member to join us for a weekend rally. By now the Twisters should have appointed a representative to receive the monthly mailing of new FMCA members from National and make contact with everyone on the list who resides in Kansas.

The FMCA appears to have finally turned the corner on its quest to restore financial stability. We showed a profit of \$369,894 over 2012

FMCA is looking to partner with an insurance company to offer coverage for automobiles and RVs. More about this in the coming months.

The "I" membership and G.R.O.W. recruitment programs have been cancelled effective immediately. The programs had lofty goals but never caught on with the chapters.

FMCA is exploring the advantages to rewrite the Constitution and Bylaws into a single document. This will take several years to accomplish. More to follow.

Not that we are getting old, but National has established a committee called "Members Under 60". This is an ongoing task force to ascertain what the younger generation wants out of the FMCA and how our International Rallies can be tailored to better fit their wants and needs! .

FMCA YOUTH COMMITTEE

The FMCA's Youth Activities Committee has been abolished. Dave and I have been appointed by the Executive Board to establish a new FMCA Youth Program. This is more than just a name change. The

“old” committee was a glorified babysitting service whereas the new group will be built to provide travel and activities to make the children’s visit to an FMCA Rally a memorable experience. Page 77 of the January 2014 Motor Coaching magazine has the first of a six part series that explains what we plan to achieve at the International Rally in Redmond, Oregon this summer.

I hope that as many members of the Kansas Twisters as possible will make the trip to Redmond this year. While there, please stop by the Youth Center and see how things are progressing for yourselves.

UPCOMING FMCA REUNIONS

Winter 2014 – Perry, Georgia – March 17th thru March 20th

Summer 2014 – Redmond, Oregon – August 13th thru August 16th

Winter 2015 – Pomona, California – March 26 thru 29th

Summer 2015 – Madison, Wisconsin – Dates to be advised

Summer 2016 – Indianapolis, Indiana – Dates to be advised

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION

The Governing Board meeting in Sedalia was short and uneventful. Rod Sartwell and Keith Jerome were re-elected. Herman Mullins was elected Southern VP and Dan Couch was elected treasurer. In the only contested election, Connie Farrar was elected secretary.

The only business that was conducted was to modify the ban on fifth wheels from Six-State Rallies. Although FMCA allows members who were motor home owners, but now own fifth wheels, to attend International Rallies, the directors of the Six-State Rally Association voted to ban all fifth wheels and travel trailers from Six-State Rallies. Because some of the vendors travel with fifth wheels, or travel trailers, the ban was modified to exempt vendors who are displaying at a Six-State Rally.

Future Six State Rally Sites:

2014 – Shreveport, Louisiana – October 1 – 4

2015 – North Little Rock, Arkansas – Dates to be TBA

The FMCA is going to publish a special 50th anniversary edition of the North American Road Atlas and Travel Guide. You can order your copy now at the FMCA’s website.

Call me or email me! Let’s talk!

Loretta Marlowe

Kansas Twisters National Director

NOTICE:

Please see the Minutes files for FMCA updates, if any, from the National Director.

The following are Reports submitted by the National Director for this web site.

KANSAS TWISTERS

Family Motor Coach Association

April 19, 2008

This is another report to the ***Kansas Twisters*** as National Director. The reports are as short as possible covering those items that should be of interest to our Chapter. All National reports are kept on file and will be shared with anybody at any time.

FMCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

FMCA has a great convention scheduled in St Paul in July of this year. All information as well as registrations are in the current issue of the FMCA magazine. Great entertainment, outstanding tours and visits to local attractions, such as the "Mall of America" are scheduled. Even though fuel is expensive – this will be a convention located fairly close to us and less expensive to attend than conventions on the coast. Register soon to save money.

SIX STATE RALLY ASSOCIATION (SOUTH CENTRAL AREA)

Our 6 State Association will be holding a rally (Rally at the Rock) in North Little Rock, September 24-28, this year. I attended a meeting this week to bring us up to date on the activities and plans for the rally. Some of the activities follow:

- ◆ **Early Parking as early as the 22nd (Mon) with electricity & water**
- ◆ **Taste of the Town where 30 restaurants will set up stands to sample their food (\$10.00 each pre-registered, \$20.00 each at the door)**
- ◆ **Red Hat Cruise with luncheon & entertainment for the ladies**
- ◆ **Golf Scramble for those pre-registered**
- ◆ **Two (2) Ice Cream Socials**
- ◆ **Arkansas State Motorhome show on the riverfront**
- ◆ **Special – Great Entertainment each evening at the ball field.**

Most of the activities require you to pre-register as they may be sold out soon. There are only 240 slots for the ladies at the Red Hat Social/Cruise and there are 82 confirmed registrations as of last Wednesday. You can register by phone: **(Call 1-800-543-3622 and ask to speak with Carol Shields or Tina Henry during business hours, and they will confirm your registration on line – be sure to register for any extra nights or activities)** Remember – you have to arrive together to park together. We will talk about a possible caravan at one of our upcoming scheduled meetings.

Respectively submitted,

Joe & Nancy Wright National Director

KANSAS TWISTERS National Directors Report

Family Motor Coach Association

February 27, 2008

The FMCA 79th International Convention at Pomona, California has been completed (with plenty of good sunshine), and almost everyone seemed to have a great time. There were 3,283 coaches on the grounds and plenty of coach displays and vendors selling their wares. The Twisters were well represented with 5 Rigs (Hogoboom, Hadsell, Schwartz, Gay @ J. Wright). The weather turned out nice for the rally even though there was rain and cold the weekend before. Still better than the cold and ice in Kansas even though I have to leave tomorrow and start back.

One of the things I found interesting at the Convention is that Dealers are displaying and selling 2009 coaches in February of 2008. Time is sure flying by even faster than I thought. Nancy is pushing me to trade for a new coach – but I put in a new windshield this time so I am buying her a new coach - 1 piece at a time.

I for one sure am looking forward to the start of camping season. Our president and other Officers have been working hard to help us have a good time in Abilene in April.

NATIONAL NEWS;

Connie Poole – our new National president, has made several changes she feels is important. She reminded the Staff that the F in FMCA stands for family. Staff only receives reserved seating on Monday nights to be recognized. The rest of the time the front row seating is first come – first seated. She wants the owners of FMCA – the members, to have the privileges they deserve. The Conventions are all about fun and member service. If you have not been to a convention lately – the upcoming 80th Convention (FMCA 45th Birthday) is close and a great place to attend a convention.

Future International Conventions:

- 80th** Convention – July 14 – 17, 2008, Minnesota State Fairgrounds – St Paul, Minnesota
- 81st** Convention – March 16 – 19, 2009, Georgia State Fairgrounds – Perry, Georgia
- 82nd** Convention – July 20 – 23, 2009, Bowling Green Fairgrounds – Bowling Green, Ohio

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) has a copy of all rallies and information on the rallies.

See you at Abilene – Drive Safe,

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

Twister National Director

KANSAS TWISTERS Family Motor Coach Association

August 2007

Kansas Twisters,

After an 8 1/2 hour meeting - business was conducted and a new Executive Board was Elected. The following officers will serve

for 2 years.

FMCA National President Connie Poole
Senior Vice President Nelson Stubbs
Treasurer Doug Key
Secretary Joanne Durbin
Both the secretary and treasurer are new members to the board.

Weather is great (54 - 81 degrees) and the entertainment is excellent. I wish each Twister could have been present as there were over 3600 coaches present with hundreds of new coaches and products on display.

I now have a 1500 mile drive to return to Kansas in the 100+ degree weather. What a joy.

See you in Sedalia in September.

Joe Wright Twister National Director.

October 9, 2006

This is my third report to the ***Kansas Twisters*** as National Director. I am keeping the reports as short as possible and will only cover those items that should be of interest to our Chapter. All National reports are kept on file and I will gladly share them with anybody at any time.

The 6 State Executive Board of FMCA met on September 26th of 2006 at the Ford auditorium in Beaumont Texas. It was announced that all 6 officers of the association will be up for election in 2007. The nominating committee was announced and I have nomination forms as well as the addresses where you would send your nominations.

- ◆ **Position #1 National Area Vice President, South Central Area President**
- ◆ **Position #2 Senior Vice President/Rally Master**
- ◆ **Position #3 Northern Regional Vice President/Commercial & Seminar Chairman**
- ◆ **Position #4 Southern Regional Vice President/Facilities Chairman**
- ◆ **Position #5 Secretary/Rally Services Chairman**
- ◆ **Position #6 Treasurer/Registration & Information Chairman**

During the meeting, past minutes were discussed, as well as the treasurers report and reports from each of the vice-presidents. There were not any discrepancies noted. I will discuss these with anyone wanting to take the time to read the information and discuss it with me as I will keep all information on file. Also there were discussions about next years Six State Rally at Sedalia, MO.

The following International rally's are planned:

- ◆ FMCA's 77th International Convention 19-22 March 2007 Perry, Georgia
- ◆ FMCA's 78th International Convention 13-16 August 2007 Redmond,
Oregon

- ◆ FMCA's 79th International Convention 25-28 February 2008 Pomona, California
- ◆ FMCA's 80th International Convention 14-17 July 2008 St. Paul, Minnesota

There will also be a meeting of the Six State Rally Association at Sedalia, Missouri in April of 2007 with the host chapters selected personnel to discuss plans and job assignments. I will provide more information as I receive it.

Respectively submitted,

Joe & Nancy Wright

National Director

KANSAS TWISTERS

Family Motor Coach Association

July 7, 2006

This is my second report to the ***Kansas Twisters*** as National Director. I am keeping the reports as short as possible and will only cover those items that should be of interest to our Chapter. All National reports are kept on file and I will gladly share them with anyone.

The Executive Board of FMCA met on May 22nd and May 23rd of 2006. After the meetings there were 87 pages of documentation, 6 attachments, 7 Committee reports and 2 letters of instructions to digest. The following (112 pages) will be voted on at the Governing Board meeting in Charlotte, August 14th 2006. I will give a brief summary and my voting preference and will discuss my reasoning with anyone wanting further information. I WILL change my voting preference based on input from the chapter or discussions/motions from the meeting that impacts my reason for voting the way I am stating.

- ◆ **Proposal #1 Executive Board** – Clarify terms of board to two 2 year terms. **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #2 Executive Board** – Clarify voting for Area Vice Presidents. **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #3 Executive Board** – Immediate Past President dropped from board. **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #4 Executive Board** – Authority for special meetings clarified. **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #5 Committees** – Clarify nominating committee's term of service. **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #6 Nominations & Elections** – Defines when reports are given. **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #7 Chapters - Elimination of Alternate National Director** (1/1/07) **Yes**
- ◆ **Proposal #8 Chapters - Term limits for the National Director – limited to 6 years in a lifetime** (effective 1 Jan 2007 & includes Temporary Delegates also) **NO**
- ◆ **Proposal #9 Executive Board** – Member must have eligibility to be nominated. **Yes**

In addition there will be 2 new policies and 10 amendments to policies discussed and voted on

at the Governing Board Meeting. I will discuss these with anyone wanting to take the time to read the information and discuss it with me.

- ◆ FMCA's 77th International Convention 19-22 March 2007 Perry, Georgia
- ◆ FMCA's 78th International Convention 13-16 August 2007 Redmond, Oregon
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There will also be an annual meeting of the Six State Rally Association at Beaumont, Texas on the 29th September 2006. I will provide more information as I receive it.

Respectively submitted,

Joe & Nancy Wright

National Director

January 13, 2006

this is my first report to the ***Kansas Twisters*** as National Director. I will try to keep the reports short and concise and cover those items that should be of interest to our Chapter. All National reports will be kept on file and I will gladly furnish the complete report to anyone requesting them.

The Executive Board of FMCA met on November 8th and November 17th & 18th of 2005. After the meetings there were 119 pages of documentation, 87 motions with 19 amendments and 7 Committee reports to report on. The ones with the most effect on our Chapter are:

- ◆ **Elimination of the office of Alternate National Director** (effective January 1, 2007)
- ◆ **Term limits for the National Director – limited to 6 years in a lifetime** (effective 1 Jan 2007 & includes Temporary Delegates also)
- ◆ **Establishment of a Board of Area Representatives to vote and approve Governing Board actions established in each Area.** (effective July 2008)
- ◆ **A “Uniformed Police Officer” at International Conventions for traffic control of golf carts and pedestrians.**

In addition to the Executive Board meeting there were also reports from 7 Committees, an Executive Board report and a Board of Directors report. The following was cleared for **“Immediate Release”**:

- ◆ FMCA's 77th International Convention 19-22 March 2007 Perry, Georgia
- ◆ FMCA's 78th International Convention 13-16 August 2007 Redmond, Oregon
- ◆ FMCA's 79th International Convention 25-28 February 2008 Pomona, California

Respectively submitted,

Joe & Nancy Wright

National Director

July 20, 2005

To: Kansas Twister's

From: Larry Schwart, National Director

I The Executive Board has approved the renewing of the Medex for 2007 at the \$4.00 rate with payment due the end of July 2005, based on membership numbers as of July 1, 2005. To establish a background for negotiating future rate changes, the renewal proposal includes an experience rating as well as market pricing.

II The Executive Board has voted to authorize staff to move forward with the agreement for a long-term-care program. This will proceed with the advice of FMCA's attorney.

III HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act.) As we already know, reporting the health information of others can be risky from a liability stand point.

Provided we receive the information regarding illness, hospitalization, etc, from our members, there is no violation of HIPAA if this information is published in our newsletter. Getting the consent of the party we are writing about is the best way to avoid any potential liability.

Crime / Fidelity Coverage

This coverage is provided for any non-compensated person while performing services as a volunteer worker for the chapter, area, association or cooperative. This acts the same as a bonding for chapter or area officers who handle money. A \$5000.00 deductible applies to each claim.

Directors & Officers Liability

This policy covers all FMCA area association & Cooperative directors and officers. It covers insured for wrongful acts, which means any actual or alleged error, misstatement, misleading statement act or omission, & neglect or breach of duty by the entity or individual insured in the discharge of their duties.

Fraudulent & criminal acts by any of the directors & officers are not covered under this

policy, as they would be individually liable.

IV Winter Convention 2007, Perry, GA.

At this time the Executive Board has approved this convention date to be April 3-6, 07.

V Due to the cost of the 2006 convention in Pomona, CA and Charlotte, N>C> the family registration fees will be increased to \$119.00.

VI South Central Area

The S.C.A. nominating committee presents the following members for Six State Rally Association officers.

Sr. Vice President	Ben Loganbill
South Region V.P.	David Davies
Northern Region V. P.	Charles Adcock
Treasurer	Tom Drennon
Secretary	Irene Renfro

The election will take place during the annual meeting of the Six State Rally in Hutchinson, KS. September 27-30, 2005.

Tony Innocenti has been re-elected as South Central Area Vice President.

Respectively yours,

Larry R. Schwart

National Director

May 1, 2005

To: Kansas Twister Members

From: Larry R. Schwart, National Director

Following are some items for your consumption.

Proposal #1 – Article VIII, Paragraphs (5) and (6) – Executive Board

Currently reads:

(5) The President, Senior vice President, secretary and Treasurer of FMCA shall be elected (annually for a one-year term). These officers, together with the area vice Presidents, shall take

office immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

(6) The President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may serve 2 additional one-year terms for a maximum of 3 years in each position during his or her lifetime.

Amend the wording:

Number (5) above in parenthesis: **(shall be elected for a two-year term).**

Number (6) above: **An individual shall not serve more than 1 two-year term in each of the positions of President and senior vice President, respectively, in a lifetime. An individual may serve no more than 2 two-year terms in each of the positions of Secretary or Treasurer, respectively, in a lifetime. A term of service of less than 50% in any Officer position shall not be counted as part of the term limit requirement.**

I voted against this proposal.

Proposal #2 – article VIII, Paragraph (7) - Executive Board

Currently reads:

(7) Each of the Area Vice Presidents shall be limited to a maximum of 4 one-year terms during the member's lifetime.

Amend this article to read:

(7) Each of the Area Vice Presidents shall be elected **for a two-year term. An individual may serve no more than 2 two-year terms in the position of area vice president, respectively, in a lifetime.**

I voted against this proposal.

Proposal #3 – article XI, Paragraph (2) – Committees – was withdrawn. No vote.

Proposal #4 – Article XII, Paragraph (3) – Nominations and Elections

Currently reads:

(3) During the annual Meeting of the Governing Board, when the nominating Committee Report is given, nominations may be made from the floor for any and all offices.

Amend this article to read:

(3) During the annual Meeting of the Governing Board, when the Nominating Committee

Report is given, nominations may not be made from the floor.

I voted against this proposal.

Proposal #5 – Article XIII, Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) – President’s Council – was withdrawn.

Proposal #6 – Article XIII, paragraphs (2) and (3) – President’s Council – was postponed.

Proposal #7 – Article XX, Paragraph (2) – Amendments and Interpretations.

Currently reads:

(2) Proposed amendments, with rationale, to the bylaws shall be received in writing no later than May 1 preceding the Governing Board meeting at which they are to be discussed. All proposed amendments shall be voted on my mail ballot in accordance with the policies and procedures in the Member and Volunteer handbook.

Amend this article to read:

(2) Proposed amendments, with rationale, to the Bylaws shall be received in writing no later than **January 1** preceding the Governing Board meeting at which they are to be discussed. **All proposed changes, additions, revisions, or amendments shall be voted on immediately following the presentation and discussion during the Governing Board meeting by those Governing Board members in attendance. Governing Board members shall receive proposed Bylaws amendments no less than 120 days prior to the governing board meeting.**

I voted in favor of the amendment.

President Wilson named 10 candidates for the 2005-2006 nominating committee of which 5 were to be elected by the National Directors by mail ballots. My vote went to the following:

- *1 Tom Ainsley, F182814
- *2 Jay Blumenthal, F230605
- **3 Gerine Reagen, F101008
- *4 Allen Rein, F214273
- *5 Suzanne Tase, F51240

* Denotes those elected plus, Don Crawford, F11012

** Nominating Committee Elect, Chairperson

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2005 – 2006

74th International Convention, Minot, North Dakota, August 15 – 18, 2005

32nd Six-state Rally, Hutchinson, Kansas, September 27 – 30, 2005

75th International Convention, Pomona, California, March 20 – 23, 2006

76th International Convention, Charlotte, North Carolina, August 14 – 17, 2006

33rd Six-State Rally, Beaumont, Texas, September 26 – 29, 2006

Kansas Twister Members

My first National Director report to you since my election is as follows:

Item #1: 2004 FMCA Nominating Committee Elect is:

* Bob Hought, F82522

* Norman Holly, F21819

* Fred Kenndy, F44281

* Gary Smith, F155557

** Bill Walker, F56746

* Nominating Committee Elect

**Nominating Committee Elect, Chairman

Item #2: Regarding September 30, 2003 FMCA financial statement:

The financial statement reflects a negative net income from operations of (\$93,532.00) through September 30, 2003. The 2003 annual budget includes a net surplus income of only \$122,031.00 resulting in very little flexibility in our operations. With a \$10.00 dues increase, which has passed in the governing board vote, effective January 1, 2004; the 2004 budget will only have a net surplus of \$123,428.00. On the brighter side, the unrealized gain on the investments is improving significantly due to the rise in the US economy. We cannot however rely on the improvement in the economy to keep FMCA with a positive bottom line.

Item #3: Proposed Dues Increases:

There were a possible 460 votes in the governing board of which 412 ballots were tabulated. The vote was 270 in favor, and 142 against the dues increases.

Item #4: Permanent Convention Site Surveys:

As of December 11, 2003, 55% of respondents to date are voting; Yes. Surveys from members are still coming in as a result of the survey being published in the November issue of the magazine. The initial survey went only to the governing board. The Long-Range Development Committee will be reviewing these results. a feasibility study will be done with volunteers and staff. We are told "this will be a long-range project and we will move cautiously as we explore propositions that come before us for consideration."

Item #5: From FMCA Current Nomination Committee:

They are requesting our assistance in developing the slate of candidates for the 2004-2005 term, which will be voted on at the Board meeting on August 16, 2004 in Redmond, Oregon. If you would like to be considered for nomination or would like to recommend someone for consideration; please let me know and I will send you the Nomination and Nominee Consent Form. These forms and resume from prospective candidates must be received at FMCA office by February 2, 2004.

The current nominating committee for this election is:

- * Leonard Davis, F158928
- * Billie Blythe, F70340
- * William (Bill) Hohmann, F221258
- * Bruce Holcomb, F54442
- **Verne Roland, F73154

- * Nominating Committee
- **Nominating Committee, Chairman

Item #6: **THE VALUE OF YOUR FMCA MEMBERSHIP**

Current Dues:
New Member \$35.00/ Initial Year
Renewing Member \$25.00/Per Year

With Your FMCA Membership You Automatically Receive:

FMCA Member Directory (January)	\$ 34.99
Family Motor Coaching Magazine (February through December)	\$ 43.89
Emergency Medical Evacuation Coverage	\$ 99.00
Travel Accident/Medical Insurance Reimbursement Coverage	\$149.00
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage	\$ 20.00
Membership Identification Emblems – One time only	\$14.00

FMCA Membership Value **\$360.88**

FREE OPITIONAL MEMBER BENEFITS

- Free Mail Forwarding Service
- Free Trip Routing
- Free Classified Advertising
- Free Emergency Driver Availability
- Free Stop-in Spots - Stay Overnight on Another Member's Property
- Free Mechanics Helper – Volunteer Roadside Assistance Advice
- Free Anti-Theft Program
- Free Access to Useful Online Information & Links – www.fmca.com
- Free Lost Key Return (with purchase of special key ring)

BENEFITS WITH DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES

Educational Programs	Member Business Cards
Traveler's Message Service	Emergency Road Service
Long – Distance Calling Card	Rental Car Discounts
Internet Access	Fuel Discounts
Campground Discounts	Motorhome Financing Programs
15% off Outdoor Resorts of America	Motorhome Insurance Programs
Credit Card	Special Offer From Passport America

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Two Annual International Conventions, 430 Chapters to Join, Chapter & Area Rallies & Youth Activities

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST-----GREAT AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS!

EFFECTIVE January 1, 2004

FMCA New Member Rate \$45.00

FMCA Renewal Rate \$35.00 per year

FMCA will offer the 2003 discounted dues rate until March 31, 2004.

Members may take advantage of this offer only one time before March 31, 2004

Discounted Schedule

2 Years \$47.50

3 Years \$67.50

5 Years \$100.00

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Larry Schwart

National Director