

## Prior to 2017 Officer Reports

### December, 2016

**2016 was a big year for the Kansas Twisters! We began our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with a dinner back where it all began – C J's Pancake House in Newton. Next came a special weekend in Winfield where we enjoyed taking in the Kansas Sampler Festival. June was our big celebration at Spring Lake in Halstead where past and present members came to visit and remember our 15 years of fun and fellowship. Our special guests were Rod and Ethel Sartwell, National VP South Central Region – Six State President. July found us at Chapman Creek RV Park – a new campground with a nice meeting area. We changed things up a little for the August rally which was held at Kanopolis Reservoir. Who would have guessed that the weather would be perfect in August in Kansas! Unfortunately, our October campout in Louisburg did not come together, so we will have our year-end business to conclude at our first 2017 meeting. A special welcome goes out to our newest members, Grant Burns and Jane Scheib, and Lloyd and Marcia Stullken. We look forward to camping with you in 2017!**

**Since there was no meeting in October, the officers got together and recommended that no dues would be collected for 2017. This as well as the updated by-laws and the nominating committee will all need to be voted on at the first meeting. If you have any questions about any of these issues, please contact me or Dave Marlowe. If you do not wish to continue your membership with Kansas Twisters, you need to contact Alice Elkins BEFORE December 20<sup>th</sup> at alelk@hotmail.com or text 620-341-3717.**

**A couple of our members have recently sold their rigs. At the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Rod Sartwell discussed the opportunity to continue with their FMCA membership with all of the benefits of National and also continue as an Associate Member of our club. As always, anyone is welcome to our campouts! Our winter dinner will be held Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Arletta's Catering in Burns, KS. Many of us have been there before and have had a wonderful meal and a good time. It would be great to have enough members to hold a short meeting. Our first campout has been tentatively set for April 28-30. More information will be sent about these and other upcoming events after the first of the year.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!**

**Brad Elkins**

### **Happy Holidays from the Twisters**

**Tw'as the night before the holiday season, and all around our home, Memories of camping are replaced with thoughts of more fun to come! 2014 was good time for food, fellowship and fun for the Kansas Twisters! Our year started in February with a dinner at Aletta's in Burns where we met new members Gary & Emma German. The first campout was in May at Homewood RV Park where the highlight had to be meeting our new members, Bill and Lorna Witcher. Next was Triple J RV Park in Russell in June followed by Spring Lake (Halstead) in September and Marion County Lake in October. Thank you to all of the hosts who provided such great**

**activities, food and fun!**

**2014 was also a sad time for our chapter. We lost two long-time members, Herb Little and Abby Murray. Their past support of our chapter will always be remembered. We are now looking forward to 2015. We will again have our winter dinner at Aletta's in Burns in February. May 1 – 3 will be held at Oregon Trail RV Park in Westmoreland where we will take advantage of the Kansas Sampler Festival in Wamego. If you have never been to a Kansas Sampler Festival, it is a huge celebration of everything Kansas. June is being planned at Crawford County Lake. We hope to have a campout each month – more info will be coming.**

**If you have not already done so, please send your \$10 2015 dues to Harold Johnson, 7610 Shadow Lakes, Wichita, KS 67205. Please send by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> so the FMCA roster and our membership booklet can be completed by year end.**

**Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2015!**

**Brad Elkins, President**

Kansas Twisters

June/July 2016

**Kansas Twisters Throw Quite A Party On June 18<sup>th</sup> At Spring Lake Resort!**

That should have been the headlines Monday morning after our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party! Thank you to all members – past and present – who joined us or remembered us on this special occasion. A total of 41 past and present members participated in the weekend activities. A special 'thank you' to Rod and Ethel Sartwell, National VP South Central Region – Six State President, for bringing us special wishes from FMCA. And a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Lea and Larry Schwart and Mildred and Dan Linn for arranging all the food and activities. We especially loved the cake! (see below)

Our next rally will be held July 28-31 at Chapman Creek RV Park in Chapman, KS. This is a new park with full hookups and a wonderful clubhouse for us to use. A schedule for the weekend is attached and has been placed on our website. Please plan to join us for the fun! This will also be a Chapter business meeting where we will review and approve the new By-Laws and Standing Rules, so a quorum will be needed. Reservations need to be made for camping directly with the campground. Sites have been set aside and will be held until July 16. After that you can still register, but the sites will not be reserved. Please let Alice know as soon as possible either by e-mail at [alelk@hotmail.com](mailto:alelk@hotmail.com) or text or call 620-341-3717 if you will or will not be attending.

The August 19-21 rally will be hosted by Bill and Marilyn Shepard and will be held at Kanopolis Lake, Corp of Engineers Venango Park. Reservations can be made on-line at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 877-444-6777. Ask for a site in A01-A20. All have 50 amp and water. More information on that rally and the rally to be held Oct 14-16 will be coming shortly. The FMCA South Central Rally is Sept 12-15 in Shawnee Oklahoma. Information for this rally can be found at [www-sca-fmca.com](http://www-sca-fmca.com). Information for the Kansas Twisters upcoming rallies can be found at our website [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net).

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming rally!

Brad Elkins, President

April, 2016

**CAMPING SEASON IS HERE!**

I heard the weatherman the other day "promise" that we had our last frost of the season, so I guess it is time to camp! If you haven't already done so,

please RSVP for our first campout May 6-8 at the Winfield Fairgrounds. It is the weekend of the Kansas Sampler Festival which is always a great time. Thank you to Richard and Carol Vester and Leroy and Juanita Ketchum for hosting this campout. E-mail Vesters at rbago@sbcglobal.net or call them at 620-663-4819 for reservations.

Next up is our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Spring Hill RV Resort near Halstead. Our theme is **BACK TO THE FUTURE** – a time to celebrate the history and future of the Kansas Twisters. The campout will be held June 17 – 19 with the main celebration planned for Saturday afternoon. Our past members will be invited to come share with us – it will be a great time to see old friends and make new ones. A flyer with reservation information is enclosed. Please make reservations with the park and Lea as soon as possible.

I know a few of you have offered to host upcoming campouts. Please let Lea or Alice know the details as soon as possible so that we can get it on the schedule.

We want to welcome new members Grant Burns and Jane Scheib from Stilwell. Make sure to welcome and get to know all of our new members!

See you down the road –

Brad Elkins, President

## **Happy Holidays from Kansas Twisters**

**November – December, 2015**

**It is that time of year to either put our rigs in storage or head someplace warmer! It is also a time to remember the fun we had this year and look forward to more fun times in 2016. Throughout the year, 11 member families and 3 guests enjoyed get-togethers at Burns, Westmoreland, Marion, Paxico, Halstead and Lyndon.**

**Kansas Twisters will be celebrating 15 years in 2016. We have some great times planned to celebrate beginning with the January dinner back where it all began – C J's Pancake House in Newton, KS. A "save the date" is attached to this letter. Please make sure to put the date on your calendar to join us. A bigger celebration is being planned for June.**

**We were saddened by the death of charter member, Albert Hogoboom, in October. Albert was a great member and supporter of Kansas Twisters and will be sorely missed. We were also sorry to hear that newer member Bill Wicher passed away earlier this year.**

**A very special welcome (and welcome back) goes out to new members Wayne and Jan Peterson of Topeka, Fred and Diane Sanders-Dugger of Hutchinson, Bill & Marilyn Shepard of Great Bend, Leroy & Juanita Ketchum of Hutchinson, Richard & Carol Vester of Hutchinson, Randy Smischny of Manhattan, and Bill and Pearl Speer of Milford. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Twisters activities. We will continue to contact new FMCA members in our area and hope each of you will encourage friends and family to come camp with us.**

**Brad Elkins**

October 1, 2015

Happy Fall Y'All!

We are looking forward to the fall activities scheduled for the Oct 16 campout at Crossroads RV Park north of Lyndon. Please let Lea Schwart know if you will or won't be attending.

You will see on the minutes that we *will not* be collecting dues for 2016 for members and prospects. It was decided that there was no need to add to the treasury at this time. What this means, though, is that all current members will still be shown as members in 2016 UNLESS you let Alice know prior to December 31. Please e-mail [alelk@hotmail.com](mailto:alelk@hotmail.com) or text or call 620-341-3717 with your name to let us know.

2016 will be the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kansas Twisters. Plans are being made for a celebration.

Previous members that we still have information for will be contact to help us celebrate.

2015 has been a fun year with 4 – 8 members/rigs attending each campout. We are looking forward to 2016 and more fun!

Brad Elkins

To: Kansas Twister Members and Prospects

Date: August 25, 2015

Attached are the minutes of the August meeting at Paxico. We were small in number, but had a nice weekend sightseeing around the area, eating at local establishments and relaxing! We hope to see all of you at our September campout at Spring Lake near Halstead.

Rod and Wanda have another nice weekend planned Sept 17-20. Thursday will be early arrival. Sites 14 -22 have been reserved (w/e only). **PLEASE CALL SPRING LAKE AT 316-835-3443 ASAP TO RESERVE**

**YOUR SPOT. TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE KANSAS TWISTERS.** It would also be helpful to e-mail

Wanda at [kstrail03@yahoo.com](mailto:kstrail03@yahoo.com), or call her at 316-259-7134 for more information. The Kansas State Fair is that week, so if you wish to go in early and take a day to enjoy the fair, please do so.

The October campout will be October 16-18 at Crossroads RV in Lyndon, KS. Please mark this on your calendar as this is our election and by-law meeting. It will be vital to have members there to approve the changes.

We look forward to seeing you all in September at Spring Lake!

Brad & Alice Elkins

May 5, 2015

The camping season has begun for the Kansas Twisters. Westmoreland turned out to be a great place to camp and the weather couldn't have been better! Those who attended enjoyed the afternoon at the Kansas Sampler Festival in Wamego and, of course, the evening potluck at the nice Westmoreland Community Center in town. As always, we have some great cooks in our club! It was so wonderful to see Don Murray at the meeting, and also Loretta Marlow who is recovering from foot surgery. Thank you to Don, Loretta and Dave for making the trip for the meeting.

Thank you to Lea Schwart who has agreed to serve as VP Wagonmaster. Please set aside the first weekend of June to attend the campout at Marion, KS. More details will follow. Thank you also to Wanda Ryel who has agreed to fill the open position on the Nominating Committee.

If you would be willing to host or co-host an upcoming campout, please contact Lea Schwart. We currently have tentative campouts scheduled for each month. In addition, members will be attending the National Rally in Madison, WI and the South Central Rally in Conroe, TX. If you know of someone who might enjoy camping with us, please invite them along. **Remember, the chapter will pay for one**

**night's camping for all attendees through June, 2015.**

See you on down the road –

Brad Elkins, President

## KANSAS TWISTERS BALLOT

Below are the Nominees for the Vice President's office and the open nominating committee member position:

Vice President

Lea Schwart \_\_\_\_\_

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Committee member

Wanda Ryel \_\_\_\_\_

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

This is the ballot to be submitted for counting my vote for the above positions for Kansas Twisters.

Signed by FMCA/Kansas Twisters member today \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete and sign and mail in to Lori Johnson in the enclosed envelope by April 11, 2015. Thanks!

March, 2015

Let's Go Camping!

It seems like we have been waiting forever to say those words! Spring has sprung and we are ready to start our 2015 camping season. I look forward to seeing everyone at as many campouts as possible this year.

Our first campout will be May 1-3 at Westmoreland, KS. Westmoreland is just north of Wamego on Hwy 99. This is also the weekend of the Kansas Sampler Festival in Wamego (14 miles south). This is always a great time with tons of booths about Kansas and lots to do. If you don't want to go there on Saturday, we have rented the Community Room in Westmoreland, or you can take a day trip around the Flint Hills. Our June campout to Crawford County Lake is being changed because Loretta will not be able to be on her feet by then. Plans are underway and we will send out information as soon as available.

A ballot for the office of VP Wagonmaster will be sent out soon by the nominating committee. Jim McDaniel resigned as Wagonmaster at the end of the year because of health. If you wish to write in a different candidate, please make sure that person is willing to serve. We are doing this by mail/email so that the new VP can get started as soon as possible.

The Kansas Twisters will be 15 years old in 2016 and we plan to celebrate with a special campout. If you have any questions about the chapter, please call me at 620-340-3495 after 6:30 pm or on weekends.

Brad Elkins

May 21, 2014

Enclosed are the minutes from the May rally at Homewood. Please review these minutes and contact me with any questions or concerns.

What a great time we had at Homewood! A special "Thank you" to Dave and Loretta Marlowe

for hosting and scheduling such a nice time. We really enjoyed getting to know our two guests and look forward to seeing them more in the future. I know everyone enjoyed playing card bingo, Guy and Mae's Tavern in Williamsburg for ribs, and Pome on the Range for homemade jams and salsa and wine tasting.

Our next rally will be in Russell June 20-22. We have an exciting time planned there and hope you can join us for that. Please let Alice know by June 10 if you will be attending. You can call/text 620-341-3717 or e-mail her at [alelk@hotmail.com](mailto:alelk@hotmail.com). Also, make sure and put Sept 19 -21 and Oct 17-19 on your calendars for future rallies.

The FMCA National Rally will be held in Redmond, OR Aug 13-16. Our National Director, Loretta Marlowe plans to attend, but has some health concerns that might make it difficult to sit through the entire Governing Board Meeting. If you are attending the National Rally and are interested in serving as Assistant National Director, please call me at 620-340-3495. Also, the Nominating Committee will be contacting members to see about serving as officers. Please consider taking a position if asked.

We look forward to "seeing you on down the road"!

Brad Elkins, President

Letter from the President Elect: October 2013

2013 was a challenging year for the Kansas Twisters. We had a wonderful dinner in Burns, KS in January and a fun campout at Hutchinson in April. May had to be cancelled because of an unexpected snow/sleet storm. The remaining year was plagued by member illness, sale of rigs and other situations that kept us from having enough participation to have more rallies. Even attendance at Six-State was down because of family and member illness.

2014 is a new year with new possibilities! Your incoming officers are committed to the Kansas Twisters and its continuation as a viable FMCA Chapter. Key to this will be improved communication among the membership. For those who utilize on-line communication, we vow to send out more e-mail and keep the web site up to date. As a member, please utilize the web page and e-mail to the officers to facilitate this continued two-way communication. For those who receive their information by mail, letters and communications will be sent timely by mail. Please make sure all addresses are current.

2014 will also bring a change in rallies. Jim McDaniel will be contacting each member about opportunities to host a rally. We are proposing 4 primary rallies, probably in the months of April, June, August and October. These will, of course, be subject to the availability of sites and activities at the host's discretion. If you have suggestions of locations you would like to go, please let Jim know. Along with these 4 rallies, we will have a winter meeting in January or February for those who stay at home and hope that our "Snowbirds" will get together wherever they are. Members will also be encouraged to attend the Six-State and National FMCA rallies as part of the Kansas Twisters Chapter.

During the September meeting, one of the members said that we need to return to the KISMIF adage: ***Keep it Simple and Make it Fun***. Good Food, Good Fun, Games and Fellowship will again become our motto.

Please consider your membership in the Kansas Twisters for 2014 by sending your \$10.00 dues to Harold Johnson, Treasurer at 7610 Shadow Lakes, Wichita, KS 67205 . Dues should be received by October 31 in order to comply with the National guidelines. If you have decided not to renew your membership or if you no longer have an RV or your health will not permit camping, please notify me before October 31. I also want to take this time to welcome our newest members, Jerry and Frenchie Portell from McCune, KS. Please welcome them when you see them at upcoming events!

Last, but not least, I want to thank the outgoing officers, Donna Snelling, Albert Hogoboom and Joe and Nancy Wright for their service to the club over the past years.

Please contact me at 620-343-8284 or by e-mail to bdelkins@hotmail.com with any thoughts or suggestions.

Brad Elkins, Incoming President

5/16/2011

Twister Members,

We just had a good Rally at the Prairie Band casino hosted by the Gays and McClellands. They really did a great job. If the weather had not been so nasty, it would have been a lot better.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to the members present who came forward to the call for hosts for 2012. I know that seems early, but if you don't get your reservations in early it is hard to get into a park that you want to go to.

Thanks go out to Bob and Diane Gay, Edith Leiker and Barb McClelland, Diehl and Sumner, Dave and Loretta Marlowe, and Joe and Nancy Wright.

NOW, I am looking for two more members to speak up. Need hosts for the July and September Rally's for 2012. Just email me the dates you would like to have those months and where you would like to have it, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank You from your vice-president

Virginia Sumner

4/17/2011 **Letter From President Herb Little**

This April 2011 rally we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> year as the Kansas Twisters.

I would like to thank Joe and Nancy Wright for making it a special rally.

Even though it rained, it didn't dampen the celebration. With a big birthday cake, good music, fun games, good food, good friends, and special guests we all had a good time. It would be nice if we could have this many at all our rally's.

How about our new banner, looked real nice. Thanks Joe and Nancy.

We need to think about getting a nominating committee together so they will have time to discuss and make their selection for the 2012 offices.

Loretta has decided to give up being our web master. Loretta I would like to thank you for all the time and effort you put in. You did a good job. Thanks again. Harold Johnson has agreed to take over the web page. So if you want to put anything on the web e-mail or call Harold. {If you do not have his e-mail or phone number call me and I will give it to you} Hope to see as many as we can at Prairie Band Casino.

## 4-17-2010 **April Rally Notes**

The April Rally of the Kansas Twisters was held April 9, 10 & 11 at the Deer Creek Valley RV Park in Topeka, Kansas hosted by Bob & Diana Gay. This is a new RV Park and is one of the nicest we have stayed in. Topeka is also a nice place to visit as there was more to do (*museums, farmers market, casinos, shopping*) than we had time to take in all the activities.

Bob & Diana had a great rally planned with pot luck on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, catered dinner on Saturday evening and plenty of free time to visit town. Bob also had a LITTLE 14 pound cinnamon roll for breakfast that we ate on for several days.

There was not an official meeting as there were not any elected Officers present except the National Director. Due to the death of Shirley Hogoboom the evening prior to the rally, Nancy suggested that after the meal Saturday evening everyone would take a moment and tell their fondest memory of Shirley. It was a moving experience with every person sharing how much they had been touched by her. She will be missed very much.

The rally was attended by the following people: Gay, J. Wright, Elkins, McCandless, Diehl, \*Leiker, \*McClelland, \*Robinson, Cody, Linn, our new member Sinclair, and guest/prospective member Johnson. Everyone was reminded to keep a close eye on our web site for details of the May rally in El

Dorado.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wright National Director

\*Indicates camped elsewhere and drove in.

**Note from President Herb Little**

I would like to thank every one for the help and concerns you gave during my leg accident. It is getting better, but will be a long time healing. A special thanks goes out to Albert Hogoboom and Bob Gay.

If any one wants to nominate someone for Vice President of 6-State you need to let me know before Oct. 31. This is the last day to turn it in.

We will have a gathering in Feb. in Harlingen Texas. So any of you being in Texas in Feb. come join us. We will have more information on the web page later. Hope every one has a good and safe winter.

**President Herb Little**

**Note from President Herb Little**

Just a reminder that the 2010 dues of \$10:00 are due by the Oct. meeting.

Oct is the month to vote for the 2010 officers.

For the Oct campout reservation have been made for Sat Oct 10 at 12:00 noon for dinner at the Hays House. A business meeting will follow the dinner. The Twisters will pay for your meal. YOU MUST HAVE RESERVATION MADE FOR THE CAMPOUT AND HAYS HOUSE BY OCT 4TH. You can call Jim McDanils at 785-280-0873 or Herb Little at 316-619-1227 to make reservations.9

Carl Knight said all Twisters that go to Texas will get together some time in Feb. Call Carl or me [Herb] to let us know you are there. You don't have to be in Texas, you can still come. Just call us. Hope to see you all in Oct. President Herb Little

**Note from President Herb Little**

We are glad to have Mike and Pat St.Clair join us as new members. If any of you know someone who has a moterhome invite them to come to a campout.

I would like to remind everyone that Oct. is the month for election of officers.

Have safe travels and we'll see you at Prairie Band Casino in Sep.

Note from President Herb Little

Sorry we could not make the June campout. But I would like to thank Virginia and Harold for making it an enjoyable time for those who were there

After trying seven different places on the east side of Kansas I was not successful in finding a place to camp in July..

For those of you going to Bowling Green have a good and safe trip.

All of you have a good and safe 4th of July.

Looking forward to seeing you in Aug at the Waters Edge RV Park in Vinita OK.

You're President

Herb Little

A message from President Herb Little:

Via phone today 3/23/09, Herb asked me to relay the message that their internet connection has not been working down at their campground in Texas so they haven't been able to check their email etc. for a long time. BUT they expect to be returning to this area in a week or so and will catch up on everything then.

Herb says to remind you all about the first rally the weekend of April 10th at the Downstream Casino Resort in Quapaw, OK (SE corner of Kansas). Let Joe Wright know if you plan to be

there. Check the web site for updates.

Word is that some of the members are back from the "tropics" already and others are going to be working their way back any day now. Sooooooo pretty soon all the Twisters will be back in Kansas just in time for our annual tornados.

Safe travels y'all!

Call Herb on his cell phone if you need him for anything.

Loretta for President Herb Little

Happy Holidays from the Robinsons

We have enjoyed our time as officers but are getting ready to turn it over to Herb and Janice.

We finish the year with 41 members. The new roster will be on the web site soon.

Barbara McClelland, the host for Olpe( Jan 3rd) needs a head count!!!! Please let her know SOON if you are going.

Larry and I will be in Houston so will not see you in Olpe. We hope and pray for Happy Holidays, a prosperous New Year and safe travel to all of you.

Hello Kansas Twisters

What a great rally to end the 2008 season! Good crowd, fairly good weather (a little windy on Sat) and a good catered meal Saturday evening.

The three main items for our business meeting were the change to our by-laws, change to standing rules and election of officers for the 2009 year. These are all covered in the October minutes.

My congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected officers and my thanks to the outgoing officers for their service to the chapter and their assistance to me

Thanks again to all the 2008 Rally Hosts. Next years schedule is nearly complete and will be emailed;

snail mailed and on the web site as soon as the secretary receives it.

It has been a great pleasure to be your president these past two years. This year has been a "piece of cake". Last year was a little taxing due to the work and planning associated with being Six State Rally Volunteers in Sedalia, but it definitely was rewarding. I enjoyed both years and will soon hand the gavel to our new President, Herb Little

Our winter gathering will again in Olpe, KS (date to be announced soon) hope to see a lot of you there

Travel Safely

Larry Robinson

President, Kansas Twisters

Hello Kansas Twisters

We had a great small rally (10 coaches) in Guthrie. Our hosts Bus and Barbara McClelland did a great job and fed us well. Thanks to them.

I would like to remind everyone the club is providing a catered dinner at the Oct rally, but you need to get your reservations in by the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Also remember dues are due.

Larry and Pat Robinson

Hello Twisters

It appears our Sept 12/14 rally in Guthrie, OK will not have enough members present to conduct business (15 members needed). Our nominating committee was to present their slate of nominees for the 2009 season. The slate is as follows

President: Herb Little

Vice President/Rally Master: Albert Hogoboom

Secretary: Janice Clubine

Treasurer: Donna Snelling

National Director: Nancy Wright

Alternate National Director: Carl Knight

Other nominees of course will be accepted from the floor at the meeting in Hutchinson October 4<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will also be voting on a proposed change in the by-laws.

The cost of fuel seems to be coming down some so I hope to see a good turnout for the Hutchinson Rally October 3/5 at the Fairgrounds. The rally schedule has been e-mailed and will be on the web site. We definitely need a quorum to conduct business so make your plans and reserve with the Hosts, Ron and Sharon Cody.

The hosts have asked that you get your reservations in by Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 for the rally and catered dinner.

I will also remind everyone that our dues are due Oct 1 for the 2009 year.

I hear the 6 State Rally association is planning for a rally like no other in NLR. I hope all who are able to attend have a great time. Looking forward to seeing some of you in Guthrie and I hope many more in Hutchinson.

Travel Safely

Larry Robinson

Hello Kansas Twisters

Great rally this past weekend at Waters Edge RV Park in Vinita OK. A small group but appeared all had a good time. We had 8 member coaches, 1 guest coach (Fred and Lou Kennedy, the South Central Area Vice President and wife) and 2 drive ins for Sat am.

A brief meeting was held, but without a quorum no business was conducted. Fred addressed the members present mostly highlighting the loss of membership and the need to recruit for FMCA. I highlighted our Oct rally in Hutchinson with the need to have a quorum to conduct end of year business. We will have the election of officers for the 2009 rally season. We also need to vote on a proposed change to the bylaws.

The proposed change is to Article 111 Section E to change 90 days to 60 days. This will create a correct membership roster the secretary has to submit to FMCA before December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. As required by Article V111 this is the prior notice required (at least 30 days) for a vote at a duly called meeting. To make this change it will need a 2/3 affirmative vote by members present.

Larry Robinson

President Kansas Twisters President

July 5, 2008

Happy Independence Day to all. Hope it was a safe and enjoyable time.

Pat and I were not able to attend the Pineville rally. We were headed that direction, but about 14 miles from home we encountered a tire problem. Blowout! Other than the tire we had some electrical wire damage. Emergency Roadside Service was slow to respond, but within a couple hours we were on our way. After a couple weeks with family in Yates Center we decided to return to Hutchinson for new tires and to repair the damage to wiring. The cost of fuel played a part in our decision also. I figure this was a factor in others deciding not to attend. It was a very small turnout but I understand those attending had a great time.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Wass. Our thoughts and prayers go out to LaVeta and the family. We were unable to attend the funeral and give a big thank you to those Twisters that did.

There is no rally in July due to the holiday weekend and the FMCA 80<sup>th</sup> International Rally In St. Paul, Minn. July 14-17<sup>th</sup>. We know of several going and we wish them safe travel, good

weather and hope they have an enjoyable convention.

Our August rally is shaping up nicely. Our hosts, Lawrence and Pam Noggle, are getting plans in order and will be providing rally information for our web site soon. Pat and I have been to this RV Resort and enjoyed our stay. We hope to see a lot of you there. Information on Waters Edge and directions are on the web site at current events.

Our Sept. Rally is in Guthrie, OK. Sept 12-14. This will be followed by the Six State Rally in North Little Rock Ark. The Six State Rally Assn and the City of North Little Rock is planning a fun filled 5 days with good food and entertainment. We think you will be impressed.

Our final Rally for this year is Oct 10-12 in Hutchinson. The chapter has voted to provide A catered meal during this rally. The meal will probably be for Saturday evening. This meeting is one of our two (2) required business meetings so please plan to attend if at all possible. We need a quorum to conduct business. Two main items of business will be the election of officers for 2009 and the chapter has voted to vote on a change in our Bylaws. Article 111 3 E reads after 90 days membership is cancelled. We need to change this to 60 days.

See you in Okla. at Waters Edge

Travel safely

Larry Robinson

hi folks we had a great time in pineville, mo. saw a lot of canoeing, on thier pretty rivers. we had dinner friday night at cotton eyed joe`s with the following present, joe & nancy, chuck & mary, jan & carl, lawerence & Pam . we visited a lot of different sities while there. saturday the eight of us ate lots of biscuits and gravey. richard

April 2008

What a great start for our 2008 rally year. Windy and cool, but I suppose fairly normal for April. We begin the year with 63 member coaches, so 25% attendance was pretty good. A good time was enjoyed by all. Our thanks again to the hosts Jim and Mary McDaniel.

Next rally weekend is May 9-11 at Spring Lake, Halstead KS. We will be electing the nominating committee at that time. This change is due to the cancellation of the July Rally. We need a quorum, so please try to attend. We will also be discussing if changes to our by-laws and standing rules are needed.

I will not be sending out a letter after the May rally as Pat and I will be on the road most of the time until after the Pineville rally in June

Get your reservations in early so the hosts and the campground can make their plans accordingly. See you at Spring Lake and Pineville.

Travel Safely

Larry Robinson

3/4/2008

Dear Twisters

Is winter ever going to end? The calendar says it will end soon so there is hope ahead. All of us who stayed in Kansas this winter are tired of shoveling snow, and those who went south sure picked a good time to go.

Well now it is only a few weeks until our first outing, so lets be getting our coaches ready to go. Our first rally, April 11-13 at 4 Seasons Acres Abilene is shaping up, our hosts Jim and Mary McDaniel are planning for a great weekend. We usually have one of our largest rallies in April so get your reservations in soon so they can finalize their plans. A schedule for the rally will be posted on the website soon and e-mailed out. In the meantime there is information about the 4

Seasons RV Park in the current events link

There will be several items of business to discuss, so I expect our first business meeting to be a little longer than usual. One thing will be the need to decide when we will elect our nominating committee because of the July Rally cancellation. Our standing rules for this will need to be altered

Pat and I have had a good winter and hope each of you had the same. We are anxious to see everyone again. It seems like it's been a long time since our last rally

See you in Abilene

Travel Safely

Larry

Greetings Twisters.

What a great turnout we had for our mid-winter dinner gathering. We had 46 persons present 22 coaches represented 42 member and 4 guests. We begin 2008 with 63 member coaches. Thanks to Bus and Barbara McClelland for hosting a wonderful meal at the Olpe Chicken House. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all attending. Also had several comments about how nice the weather was compared to our last gathering in Emporia in Jan 07.

Because of the timing the 4th of July holiday and FMCA's 80th International Convention July 14-17th we will NOT have a July Rally this year. This will necessitate the alteration of our standing rule #6 that states our nominating committee will be elected at the July annual meeting. The membership will need to decide when to do this.

Our 1st 2008 rally at 4 Seasons RV Acres, Abilene, is April 11-13. Mark your calendars and make your reservations early so our hosts can plan accordingly. Our rally schedule on the website is correct except for the July 18-20 which has been canceled. Herb Little, VP and Rally Master will soon be providing me with host updates, this will be forwarded to Loretta Marlowe to update the website

Now for the news that several of you have asked about....Just yesterday I received from the 6-state Rally Assn. a check for \$5,451.54.

What a surprise. I did not expect it until mid March or later. Also the amount is a surprise, because like many of us who worked the Sedalia rally, it seemed smaller than usual. Again my sincerest thanks to all volunteers who gave their time. Now the membership has the responsibility of deciding how to use these proceeds.

See you all in April. Travel Safely Larry Robinson

END OF 2007

Now that our 2007 Rally season has ended, I've had time to reflect, and feel we had a good year. Beginning in January and again in April with snow, then finishing in October with rain and cool weather, but good weather in between. We had large Rallies in Hutchinson and Sedalia and a real small one in Oakley and others near 20/25 coaches. All the hosts had arranged for enjoyable weekends Thanks to each.

My thanks, for all the help I've received, to all the officers and to all the volunteers who worked the 6-state rally. We had good participation, worked lots of hours and received many words of appreciation. I don't know if the rally made a profit. I will probably be notified yet this month.

Now I guess its time to winterize our coaches or possibly make plans to go South.

The 2008 Rally sites are scheduled and looks like another good year, but a few hosts are needed. Being a host is a little work but can be real rewarding.

I'm looking forward to working with your 2008 officers. I know they will do whatever is necessary for the club to have another good year.

Here's wishing a safe-Happy Holiday Season to all and hope to see a lot of you in January at Olpe.

Travel Safely

Larry Robinson

Twisters,

Pat and I are leaving home Saturday, September 8th and will NOT have access to e-mail.

I can be reached by cell phone 620 200-1908

We will be arriving in Sedalia Tues, Sept 18th along with 8 other coaches.

I want to thank each Twister Volunteer in advance for your services that could benefit our chapter financially. It's a week to ten days to develop new friendships. We'll have entertainment, good food, seminars and fellowship. Thanks to all of you

We have our committed 28 coaches. I have also requested parking(with the volunteers) for 6 more coaches. I have had contact with these additional Twisters and I remind each of you to tell the Admission gate volunteers that you wish to park with your chapter.

If any problems comes up or you have any questions please CALL me

Remember that Pat and I will host a sandwich supper after work Mon Sept 24th,. This will be at 5:30, with a short meeting to follow. All Twisters in Sedalia are included.

Larry Robinson

8/20/2007

ONLY 2 MORE,

Before we know it, it will be time to winterize or go south. We have had very good rallies so far, lets continue.

Our Sept. Rally is during the 6 State Rally in Sedalia Sept 25th/28th. We had good response for volunteers to work. We (Twisters) were asked to provide 28 coaches. We have a couple extra. Some of us will arrive on Sept 19 and several more each day. I would like to have a short meeting, and the best day and time I believe would be Mon Sept 24th after work. Pat and I will host a sandwich supper (cold cuts and fixins) at 5:30,with meeting to follow. All Twisters are invited.

Remember your membership dues are due Oct 1st.

In Oct, we rally in Louisburg Ks at Rutlanders on the 12,13,14th. Our hosts Dick and Bea Hadsall have planned a great weekend. Make your reservations as soon as possible. We will be electing officers for the 2008 year at this meeting.

Safe Traveling and see you at a rally soon

Larry Robinson

President, Kansas Twisters

**Sent:** Saturday, August 18, 2007 9:01 PM

**Subject:** Kansas Twisters-Nominating Chairman Notice

To all members of the KANSAS TWISTERS

Below are the Volunteers and Nominees for Officers of 2008 at this point, should any member wish to add their name to this list, please contact , Jim McDaniel, Larry Noggle, or Chuck Perrier.

President-----Larry Robinson

Vice Presindent-----Bob Erickson

Secretary-----Pat Robinson

Treasurer-----OPEN

National Director-----Joe Wright-----Loratta Marlowe

Asst. Nat. Director-----Dick Hadsall

Remember we need your help as members to make our club the Best:

Thanks; Jim McDaniel Chairman of the Nominating Committee

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2007 2:08 PM

**Subject:** Kansas Twisters-President note

Greetings Twisters.....

The August rally at Oakley was small but mighty. The hosts, Gary & Carol Allen, did a great job to show everyone a good time. The numbers were few but the good time was mighty. Several headed on northwest to the Redmond rally.

Sedalia is getting close. Hope you are all looking forward to a good time.

I am sure depending on all of you who have volunteered to help. If for some reason you are not going to be able to volunteer I need to know soon.

October will be here before we know it. Please plan on attending the rally October 12-14 in Louisberg, KS. as that is the election of officers. Let the host, Dick & Bea Hadsall, know you plan to be there.

Best regards,

Larry Robinson

President

**From:** [Col.G.Allen](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, August 05, 2007 2:52 PM

**Subject:** Kansas Twister's Rally 3-5 Aug 07

Abby, Dick: The rally at Oakley, KS, was small but all reported as having a good time.

Present: Pat-Larry Robinson

Carol-Gary Allen

Janet-Carl Knight

Loretta-Dave Marlowe (Grand Son Philip) & (Linsee 'The Dog')

Nancy-Joe Wright (and guest) Thadene-Fred Hass

June-Tom Cross

Weather was good, only had 1 real hot day. Dave's car broke down Saturday near Manhattan and rented a car, so did not arrive until late Saturday PM.

Joe and Nancy left for Oregon early on Sat ahead of the group. Loretta-Dave, Carl-Janet, Tom-June departed about 10:00 AM, Sunday for their 1st stop in CO.

I only managed to get a couple of pictures.

GA

NO PRESIDENT'S REPORTS IN JUNE OR JULY 2007

To: Kansas Twisters

From: Larry Robinson, President

Date: May 14, 2007

We had good weather and a good rally at the USI campground in Wichita this past weekend. Thanks again to our hosts Bob and Twila Hermreck and Phil and Margaret Walker. Also thanks to Adventure RV for bringing a Monaco for us to "tour" and for providing the meat for our Saturday evening meal.

It looks like a good rally shaping up for June in Salina. If you haven't reserved please do so soon.

We have had good response for volunteers to help host the 6 State Rally in September at Sedalia, MO.. We committed 28 coaches and have 30 who have volunteered.

First I need to let everyone know: 1. The gates will be open to motorhome arrival from 8am to 5pm daily, gates are locked at 5pm. 2. They want all volunteers in and parked by

6pm on Sunday September 23rd. If you have volunteered and I have overlooked you or you would like to be added to the standby list, let me know soon.

This is how I have scheduled us to arrive in Sedalia.

Arriving Tuesday Sept 18th to work at 8 am Wednesday ( Find your own parking

Tuesday night) Robinson Hadsall J Wright

Wednesday, Sept 19th Hogoboom Snelling Leiker McDaniel Little Noggle McClelland

Thursday Sept 20th Murray Diehl Perrier Wass Stikes Knight Walker L Wright Ryel

Friday September 21st Elkins Gay Carey

Sunday September 23rd Marlowe Coleman

The following have volunteered and told me they are available anytime Goss, Barr, Nusser, Hildebrand, Bennett

We can use you on Saturday, so I can schedule each of you in on Friday Sept 21st, or you could come in on Thursday Sept 20th if you wanted, just let me know.

If I have overlooked anyone let me know soon. On Sunday evening there will be a dinner provided by the 6 State Assn. for all the volunteers.

Please remember when you register do not register as volunteers just as a Kansas Twister.

Safe driving and see you at a rally soon.

Larry Robinson

To: Kansas Twisters

From: Larry Robinson President

Date: April 24, 2007

What a start to our 2007 Rally Season we had April 13th/ 15th. All 4 seasons in 3 days, wind, rain, snow, and finally a beautiful sunny Saturday and Sunday. Rally hosts Pat Robinson and Abby Murray set up an enjoyable tour of the Underground Salt Museum and a great pot luck dinner with a 6th Birthday cake for our chapter. Many attending were able to take in the Mennonite Relief Sale for good food and shopping. (Apparently the weather didn't hurt them either, they raised \$18,000.00 more than last year.)

We had 37 coaches present 2 were guests 3 couples in 5th wheels were guests of the Hildebrands and Nussers and joined the museum tour. 3 couples were in without their coaches so we had a very good showing.

I just returned from Sedalia Mo. where the Hadsalls, Joe Wrights and I helped with the Volunteer planning for the Six State Rally to be held in Sedalia, Mo. Sept 25th/28th 2007. Our chapter is (1) one of (7) seven chapters to be volunteer hosts. We were asked to bring 28 coaches. Each coach is asked to provide 24 hours of service. Our duties will be Parking and Trams. The parking will be the majority of our duties. The parking will be all before the Rally begins on the 25th.

Dick Hadsall, J. Wright and I will be working the 19th (Wed)

We need 4 ( we have 3 committed at this time) coaches to come in on Wed Sept 19th to begin work Thurs Sept 20th, 13 (we have 4 committed at this time) more to come in Thurs Sept 20th, to work the next day (Fri.) The rest ( none committed at this time) to arrive on the Fri 21st to begin work the Sat 22nd.

Sat., Sun., and Mon. will be our busiest days in parking. Then some of us will work with the Trams.

A Volunteer dinner is scheduled for Sunday evening.

I have had commitments from 12 coaches already. Please contact me if you will help with this

project. I have to provide a list of volunteers to FMCA by July 15th.

Because of our duties with the parking I was able to select where we will be parked in the volunteer parking area. We have 28 reserved spaces that are all side by side with 4 coaches to each post,. We will have full hookups with 30 amp ,water and sewer. Also we will have a nice area to gather ,rest or eat.

As Volunteers we will have to register for the rally before July 15th. **DO NOT REGISTER** as a volunteer. Our packets will come as if we were in general parking. We will be given a volunteer parking card on arrival

If you arrive earlier than scheduled you will be charged \$15.00 a day Otherwise all we will pay is the regular rally fee.

Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Please let me know as soon as possible if and for when you can volunteer. After 28 coaches have committed I will start a stand by list. If you have any questions please get in touch with me.

Don't forget to let our hosts know early if you are attending our rallies. I believe the May rally camp spaces not filled were released. Contact Bob Hermreck for more information.

The June rally information has been e-mailed and snail mailed and will be on the web site soon. Give our Hosts the courtesy of reserving early so they can plan accordingly.

Regards to all,

Larry

Greetings Twisters March 2007

It appears that winter is nearly over. I hope no one had any long power outages or any other severe damage. With winter behind us (or almost) it's time to think about our rally season and getting our rigs cleaned and restocked.

We had a successful winter dinner at Bruffs in Emporia (except for the snow storm we had to drive home in). We had 17 member coaches represented and one guest.

The winter Texans also had an enjoyable afternoon and evening south of the border with about a dozen persons present.

Our rally season has shaped up well, thanks to the efforts of our vice-president and rally master, Dick Hadsall.

The first rally is just barely a month away in Hutchinson at the KS State Fairgrounds Pat Robinson and Abby Murray have lined up an exciting weekend. A tour of the Underground Salt Museums is scheduled and of course the Food and other activities of the Mennonite Relief Sale

Also at our April meeting we will be voting on a new Alternate National Director (The nominating committee is working on that). David Marlowe has given us his resignation.

In May we go to Wichita for the last weekend of the River Festival. Hosts are Hermrecks and P Walkers.

Check our web site for these and the rest of our rally schedule. Mark you calendars and make plans to attend. Please give our hosts a call or e-mail as early as you can so they are able to make their plans.

We have been invited to be one of the Volunteer Host Chapters at the Six State Rally in Sedalia, MO. in late September. This gives us the opportunity to meet new people, attend seminars and see some great entertainment. Also if it's a financial success we will benefit financially.

Loretta Marlowe has planned a caravan to FMCA's 78th International Convention in Redmond Oregon. The trip will leave from Oakley following our Aug 3/5 rally. Contact Loretta for further details.

Reservations are being received by our hosts for the April 13/15 Rally and it appears we will have a GOOD turnout.

Let's begin the Rally Season with FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD and the FMCA way.

Drive Safe!

**Larry Robinson**

Happy holidays to all

As you receive this between Christmas and New Years I am a little bit late Pat and I are leaving for Houston the day after Christmas. We'll be returning a few days after New Years.

Our Winter Dinner Meeting is Jan 20th at Bruffs Steak House in Emporia, Kansas.

Menu and directions are on our web page at [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)

Hope we have a good turnout.

Also note our rally schedule for 2007. Looks like a fun and exciting year. In September at Sedalia we will be one of the volunteer host Chapters. Mark this on your calendar, as the Six State Rallies offer good seminars and entertainment.

Our coordinator of the profile book, Loretta Marlowe, has resigned from this position. She will have the large profile book for \$15.00, the CD for \$1.00 for delivery Jan 20th at Emporia. You can reach her at [lorettam@pngusa.net](mailto:lorettam@pngusa.net) or call her. Please contact her and place your orders. We will then need a volunteer to continue our directory.

I want to thank all who gave me support and encouraging words when I became your president

I'm hoping we'll have a Rally Season filled with good times

See you in Emporia

Larry Robinson

My Kansas Twister friends,

Please join me in congratulating the 2007 officers for the Kansas Twisters:

Larry Robinson our new President, Dick Hadsall staying on as Vice

President/Rally Master, Abby Murray serving again as Secretary, Bonnie

McCandless returning as Treasurer, Joe Wright as National Director and David

Marlow as Alternate National Director. These are all fine hard working

people and with our 2007 Rally Schedule we should have a super year of fun and fellowship.

You have probably noticed that some of these names are new and were not on the ballots I recently mailed you. I need to apologize to you for this mix up. At the October Rally in Grove, Oklahoma a point of order from the floor successfully challenged the 2006 election by mail. As a result the whole process was restarted with the election of a new Nominating Committee and the formation of a new slate of officers. The resulting vote on Saturday night elected the Officers I have asked you to congratulate. I accept full

responsibility for the technical error that resulted in the rejection of the election of officers by mail. As a result of my mistake I have reimbursed the Kansas Twisters Treasury the \$89.08 I spent printing and mailing the ballots. Please also accept my apology for raising and dashing your expectations to participate in the election of officers even if you could not attend the annual rally. Maybe next year we will do that and do it without a challenge.

Anyway, I am really looking forward to seeing you in Texas this winter or next year at the scheduled Twister rallies. Please stop by the Tour for a sip of something cold and to share travel experiences. It has been a pleasure being your President this past year and Pearl and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

May you ride in the cup of God's hand as you travel this year.

Sincerely,

Bill Speer

Kansas Twisters Vote by Mail 2006 Procedures

1. At the September meeting the Nominating Committee will present to a quorum of members a slate of officers. The Nominating Committee will endeavor to recruit at least one nominee for each position prescribed in the Twister's by-laws.
2. After a motion and second to accept the slate of officers as presented the President will call for discussion to include nominations from the floor. After motions to add or delete names to or from the slate there will be a call for a vote and the slate as amended will be voted by the members.
3. The final slate approved by the membership will be made into a ballot and copies will be mailed to the members with one ballot for each adult member owner of a coach as prescribed in Twister by-laws. The voting letter will include ballots, instructions, and a pre-paid addressed envelope in which the completed ballots can be mailed to the chair of the nominating committee.
4. The pre-paid envelope will be numbered with the member number from a Twister roster. When the Nominating Committee Chair receives an envelope he/she will check the number on the roster. The chair will open the envelope and deposit the enclosed ballots in a ballot box to be counted at the October meeting.
5. At the October meeting the President will call for those who have not voted by mail to cast their ballots. The Chair of the Nominating Committee will verify that no ballot was received from the members and then present them with ballots. After the ballots are completed and put in the ballot box the President will call for a count and the Nominating committee will retire to an area where they will tabulate the votes and present the results to the membership a list of officers for the coming year.
6. In the case of a tie the Senior 2006 Officer not involved in the tie will call for a vote from the floor by show of hands to determine a winner for the office. All members will vote by show of hand to include the Officer with the gavel. The winner of this vote will be seated as the winner of the club office.
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Bill

8-11-06 Twisters Friends:

We are one month away from The Midwest Duetsche Oktoberfest and our September 15-17 Rally. I am getting excited about it!

I just got back from a visit to the Ellis County Fair Grounds and found that they have installed 23 camp ground type electric boxes with 50/30/20 amp plugs. Each plug is on a separate breaker so we can put rigs requiring 50 and 30 amps on the same box. They also have 5 single 50 amp boxes on one side of the parking area but these don't have a circuit breaker on the box so I'll use those as a last resort. There is good water at the fairgrounds so you can fill up when you get there. I'm sorry but there is not a dump station on the grounds. You will have to carry the gray and black water to a dump station on I-70 or pay to dump in town at the local RV Park.

Early Bird activities are numerous and you are free to do what ever you want the days before the rally starts on Friday evening with a Pot Luck Supper. There will be a tour of three local old German Catholic Churches to include the "Cathedral of the Plains" in Victoria. The tour begins at 8 am Friday morning. The Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide a 12 passenger bus and guides will meet us at the churches. If we fill the bus you can follow in your car. I will also make us reservations at the local brewery and restaurant for Thursday night. It is famous for great food and great local beer.

So far I have reservations from the following people with their power requirements: Blacklock, McDiffett 30a, Leiker 50a, Hermreck 50a, Elkins 30a, Vester 50a, Maneth 50a.

I'd like your reservations at [wlspeer@cox.net](mailto:wlspeer@cox.net)

Happy trails and following winds,

Bill

It was just five short years ago when Kitty and I went to Newton, Kansas immediately following the 26th Winter FMCA International Convention in Oklahoma City to hold an organizational meeting to consider forming anew FMCA chapter in Kansas. Larry and Lee Schwart had made arrangements for a meeting room and also camping at the Harvey County Park.

We had a dinner meeting Saturday evening April 7, 2001 in the back room at CJs Pancake House there in Newton. You were an enthusiastic group. I reviewed the process and the benefits of having a chapter. My presentation was designed to be informative and a soft sell. Those that were there had already made up their minds and the train was ready to get out of the station, you couldn't wait to sign your name on the dotted line.

There were many questions that had to be answered so the required chapter bylaws could be formulated. Several chapter names were on the floor for consideration with the attendees pretty much divided on the selection. I suggested that some dynamic be included in the name. Well, consideration of "Sunflower" and other key words that complimented "Kansas" were replaced, and the name **Kansas Twister** was overwhelmingly approved. The energy level of your chapter has lived up to its name.

All of the required business had not been completed with some open issues still remaining to complete the bylaws and get the charter request completed to submit to FMCA. A couple of families also still needed to sign up, as they were not in attendance, to put the charter membership over the twenty required. Therefore a mini rally was scheduled for the last weekend in April.

**The organizing families that had returned positive responses to the chapter formation were: Ross E Ailslieger, Walter & Carolyn Bennett, Linn & Mary Blankinship, E Blaine & Elizabeth Bowlin, Robert A & Mary Lee Coloney, Buddy E & Myrna J Fair, Eldon & Paula Hamm, Albert & Shirley Hogoboom, Richard & Bea Hudsall, Phil & Marilyn Kauffman, Doug & Charlene Lloyd, Myron Maclaskey, John & Carole Middleton, Robert & Leta Morgan, Don & Abby Murray, Larry & Patricia Robinson, Larry & Lea Schwart, Earl S & Mary J Smith, Patricia Stotler, Richard & Carol Vester, Charles & Roberta Yaverski.**

Abby Murray and her service dog Rivers took minutes. The Murrays and Schwarts had previously assisted with the 26th Six-State Rally held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in 1999. You had elected Richard Vester, President; Larry Schwart, Vice President; Abby Murray, Secretary; and Shirley Hogoboom, Treasurer at the initial meeting. A National Director was still to be elected.

FMCA responded favorably and your charter was dated April 7, 2001. The KANSAS TWISTER chapter, the 40th chapter in FMCA's South Central Area, was born and the rest is history.

Kitty and I returned to attend your Pineville, Missouri rally on the Big Elk River the summer of 2002. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and made new friends. The highlight was kayaking down the river and Kitty perfected traversing the rapids stern first. Fun was had by all.

It was a satisfying accomplishment and privilege to have assisted in the organization of the Kansas Twisters. **Congratulations on your 5th Anniversary. Keep your high energy enthusiasm going!**

Past National Vice President, FMCA

Past President, Six-State Rally Association

Kansas Chapter Formed

The new Kansas Twister chapter elected officers at their inaugural meeting held in Newton, Kansas the Saturday following the International convention in Oklahoma City. Two weekends later they had a rally at the County park east of Newton where the chapter formation was finalized.

Richard Vester President

Larry Schwart Vice President

Abby Murray Secretary

Shirley Hogoboom Treasurer

Lea and Larry Schwart with Abby and Don Murray following the Kansas Twisters organization meeting. Rivers, Abby's service dog is always at her side ready to assist.

## **LETTER FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENT, RICHARD VESTER**

In response to a letter that we received from FMCA National, we were asked if we would be interested in joining a new FMCA Chapter in Kansas, and if so, would we be interested in serving as an officer. I believe my response was that I would help.

Jim Ammenheuser was our Regional VP at that time and with pressure from Larry and Lea Schwart, and Don and Abby Murray a meeting was set up in Newton, Kansas for anyone interested in forming a new FMCA Chapter.

We invited Phil & Marilyn Kauffman to go with us to the lunch meeting. Jim Ammenheuser discussed the value of belonging to a FMCA Chapter. All of the people that attended agreed, (I believe we needed at least 20 units to form a chapter) and first order of business was to select a name. Several names were suggested but the Twisters won out in the vote. (Some folks would think of our chapter as dancers out of the 60's and others would relate the name to Kansas weather.)

Next order of business was getting volunteers for the Chapter officers. Don Murray held up Abby's hand for secretary, Shirley Hogoboom volunteered for treasurer, Larry Schwart was vice president and rally master and after what seemed to me like a long pause for a volunteer for president, I said I would do it and we were all elected!

Our first Rally to get organized was set up in May at the Harvey County East campground by Larry & Lea Schwart. We had our first bean bag baseball game at this Rally and it helped to break the ice and really get acquainted.

I do not recall any major disagreements involving our chapter members. If someone's feelings were hurt, for what ever reason, the situations were resolved, and we carried on to enjoy our group and have a great time. We had discussions on name tags, vests, jackets, banner, rally dates, cups, glasses, shirts, etc. and it all worked out great!

**Richard Vester, President**

President's Corner June 2006

The Pineville rally hosted by Leon & Nancy May and Bill & Ruth Scranton was very relaxing and offered a wide variety of fun activities to enjoy from river floating and fishing to shopping in the near by towns. Big Elk Campground was quiet and clean and discounted our stay. Their no alcohol policy makes for a very family oriented and orderly camping experience. The following Twisters attended the rally: Ron & Sharon Cody, Jim & Mary McDaniel, Paul & Teddy Maneth, Don & Shirley McDiffett, Brad & Alice Elkins, Wayne & Bonnie McCandless, Lawrence & Pam Noggle, and Rod & Wanda Ryel. It was hotter than heck and the humidity was high but we made the best of it by holing up in our rigs during mid-day or going shopping. The mornings and evenings were pleasant and we ate breakfast and dinner under the trees. The meals were followed by good "bull sessions" we all got to deepen our friendships. That is what this is really all about, isn't it?

Our next rally is at the Lawrence, Kansas KOA July 7, 8 & 9. Dave and Loretta Marlowe have worked hard to make our 5th Anniversary rally a

memorable event. The KOA let us down on the reservation business and we are going to miss some good friends because they could not get in to the camp ground. Despite that nasty curve ball the Marlowes have put a lot of effort into the event and we will have a good time. I hope you can be there.

Because of what has happened to us at Lawrence I have reviewed the 2007 rally schedule with a point to make sure we have rally points in Kansas for shorter trips and sites that can accept at least 50 units. At Pineville I got a lot of good ideas and I will share those at the Lawrence rally and hustle to finalize the schedule by September. I'll need hosts but that is easy and I'll help and teach you how to do it. Kansas Twisters are flexible, cooperative, and are willing to share the work so rallies are fairly easy to host. Our motto could be "Semper Gumby" (always flexible). If you have a rally idea call me 785-210-7141 and I'll tell you what I have and you can share your ideas.

Well, that is what's up. Until we meet again I hope you have happy trails and following winds,

Bill

## **May, 2006**

The Eureka Rally hosted by Albert and Shirley Hogoboom was a lot of fun. There were 21 family members parked and 5 others drove in for the Saturday dinner at the Copper Kettle. The horse races were a little sloppy but they were fun to watch. A great moment was when the Twisters started a spontaneous fund raiser for Smart Effort. This horse was the only survivor of the stable fire in February that claimed 43 horses. With a fun "Texas Hold 'em" game and generous donations we gave nearly \$200 to his owner Deb Boller to help with the Vet bills for his burns. I could not have been more proud of the Twisters.

We have responded to a request to provide door prizes for the 6-State Rally September 26-30. I sent two Twister mugs and other prizes left over from the rally at Harrah's. We also sent 25-30 Afghans for kids in distress made by Pam Noggle. Both shipments were received with great thanks from the 6-State volunteers.

A salute goes to Wayne and Bonnie McCandless who brought 5 new members into the Twisters at the Monaco Rally in Hutchinson. I guess these folks saw how neat Bonnie and Wayne were and how well Bob & Jan Erickson's ran the rally and had to join us. Good job! We are at 103 unit members by my count.

Hooahh!

You have to hurry and make your reservations for the 5th Anniversary Rally in Lawrence July 7-9. We will have a great time and the only fees will be for your camping. Several of the new members will be there and you can help welcome them.

At the Anniversary rally I will appoint the 2006-2007 nominating committee. I have some Twisters in mind for this committee but if you want to be on it contact me. I want a slate approved at the August meeting and this year I plan to have members vote by mail with the results presented at the October meeting.

Well, that is what's up. Until we meet again I hope you have happy trails  
and following winds,  
Bill

Date line: 1:00 PM 9 **February, 2006** Mercedes, Texas

Kansas Twister Winter Texans Cruise the Rio Grande

At 1:00pm all the Kansas Twisters "Winter Texans" assembled at Walt and Carolyn Bennett's for our Rio Grande Riverboat cruise. Present for the cruise arranged by Twisters Ken and Pat Claycamp, were fellow Twisters Walt and Carolyn Bennett, Ron and Nancy Herberholtz, Ray and Ann Barber, and President Bill Speer and his wife Pearl. Also in attendance were friends of the attendees who rounded out the boatload needed for the cruise.

Ken and Pat led a caravan south and west out of Weslaco, Texas through the very rich and productive Rio Grande Valley farmland. We drove through miles of fields full of cabbage, carrots, tomatoes, beets, sugar cane and citrus orchards. We arrived at the River Side Club, south of Mission, Texas, at 2:15 and boarded the River Side Dreamer with Captain Johnny Hart at the helm. Beer, soft drinks and snacks made the narrated cruise relaxed and fun. We cruised the river from the Anzulduas Dam north and west past Bentsen Park viewing the wild life and looking at the parks and camps along both sides of the river.

After the trip we sat down in the River Side Club for a generous western dinner and drinks. Some of us took the opportunity to dance to the country band as we waited for the dinner. After dinner President Bill Speer led a warm applause to thank the Claycamps for arranging the adventure. The door prize was won by Robert Joy a friend of the Bennett's from Illinois. It was a great day that warmed us all with the company of fellow Twisters and new friends.

### **January 2006**

January 14, 2006 the Kansas Twisters rallied together for dinner at the Double D Cafe in El Dorado. (This was not an official meeting.) Edith Leiker was the host and did a wonderful job for the 62 attendees.

After a fine meal, our new president Bill Speer introduced all the other new officers for 2006: Dick Hadsall -vice president, Wanda Ryel -secretary, Bonnie McCandless -treasurer, Joe Wright -ntl.director, and Larry Noggle -alt.ntl.director.

Then Bill presented plaques of appreciation to last year's officers: Joe Wright -pres, Herb Little -vice pres, Edith Leiker -secretary, Bob Erickson -treasurer, and Larry Schwart -ntl.director. A special recognition & plaque was presented to Loretta Marlowe for her great work on our member directory books & cds, caravan leadership, and our web site ([www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)). New members Chuck & Mary Perrier and Ron & Sharon Cody, and guests Linda Riggs and Janice Chivims were welcomed. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Bonnie McCandless. Dick Hadsall reminded everyone planning to attend a rally to contact the host just as soon as possible, to help the hosts in making reservations and arrangements.

Bill went over the 2006 Rally Schedule, noting a change of date to April 7-9, for the Topeka casino rally. He announced he had Twister "attachment shields" (for the FMCA # plates) for sale at \$17.50 and also 2 used ones at \$8.00 each. Drawings were then held for a huge number of prizes donated by : Granite City Brewery & Restaurant, Flint Hills RV, Adventure RV, and 4 Seasons RV.

Bill President

( I've been working hard to load all your e-addresses correctly in my computer. This is my first attempt at a mass e-mail, so please let me know of any problems.) Thank you,

Wanda Ryel, secretary

rrcat1@sbcglobal.net

## December 2005

Dear Kansas Twisters,

First we want to thank all of you for blessing us with your friendship. Our greatest gift this year has been the new friends we have made, continuing friendships and the moments we have shared. Thank you for all you have given us this year and the wonderful collection of memories you have helped us build. I was flattered that you elected me Chapter President and I will do my best to make our year fun. Pearl and I will be at the 14 January dinner and then travel south to attend the 9 February Snowbird Twister rally in Rio Grande City. Then it is all fun and sun until we get the report that the last frost in Kansas has occurred!

We hope that this Christmas Season finds you healthy and happy. This has been a very eventful year for the Speers. Pearl Retired from her job with the Army in June and we immediately started the rest of our lives by getting into our motor home and heading north to Canada and Alaska. We went on a caravan sponsored by Winnebago Industries and were accompanied by 20 very congenial and fun couples. We got to drive through some very beautiful country and were able to see wildlife in their natural world. We got to go deep sea fishing out among the whales. It was truly a trip of a lifetime. Be careful when we see you again or we will show you our pictures. On our way back we visited Bill's brother Tom in Seattle for several fun days. We also spent a few days in Caldwell, Idaho with our friends Rolly and Vicky Morrison.

We then hurried home for the birth of our 7th grandchild, Casey and Becky's son Griffin William Speer. He has been a great baby to have around and we are enjoying rocking and playing and then giving him back to his parents. Grand parenting is still a great treat.

In late September we were off again to join friends at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta for 2 weeks. It is hard to describe what a sight it is to see 900 or more hot air balloons in the air at the same time.

Quiet the spectacle! We had a great time and met many more RV friends.

For Thanksgiving we met Chuck and Kim and their 2 boys and Casey and his family in Guthrie for a family Thanksgiving with my Mom and the Griffins. After that we went to Arkansas to spend a couple days with Chuck and visit friends.

We plan to spend Christmas and New Years with Lou and his family in Wichita and then head South in search for sunshine and restful places.

Well, as you have guessed by now, our Christmas letters are turning into travel logs. We are living our dream of seeing the country in the luxury of our own home in the motor home. This is truly a wonderful land and we are very proud to be Americans!

We wish you a very merry Christmas and hope your New Year is filled with love and good times.

Bill and Pearl

12/22/05

Hey Twisters!

I just got a letter from FMCA South Central Area V.P. Tony Innocenti that says the Kansas Twisters captured 2nd place in the chapter web site competition. I have not figured out yet who personally deserves recognition for maintaining the web site but I do know that a lot of you contributed to the effort. To all of you, "thanks a million"! See you at the January 14th or February 9th rallies.

Happy trails to you,

Bill President

**November 16, 2005**

**Portions of an email from President Bill Speer**

Dear Twister Friends,

I have collected all the club records and stuff from Vice President Dick Hadsall and I have been reading and filing stuff like crazy.

Did you know that the FMCA bylaws have guidelines for setting up a receiving line? Wow! They must have different rallies than we have. I plan to make our rallies fun and relaxing and promise you a good time at each and every one without a receiving line.

Happy trails to you and proud to be President of the Kansas Twisters chapter of FMCA.  
Bill

**KANSAS TWISTERS Family Motor Coach Association**

October 17, 2005

The **Kansas Twisters** held their October rally at Floral Hall in Coffeyville, Kansas October 7-9, 2005. Please see the Secretaries report mailed previously for the detailed information.

Please welcome **Terry & Ann Headrick of Salina, KS** and **Don & Shirley McDiffett of Alta Vista, KS** to the TWISTERS. Each of these new members will bring something SPECIAL to our chapter and it is great to make new friends as we travel with our group.

Check [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) for the latest Chapter information. There is even a FOR SALE section so we can sell unwanted items or look for SPECIAL deals. This service is FREE to our Twister members.

Elections were held at the October rally at **Coffeyville, KS – (10/7/2005 – 10/9/2005)**. I want to THANK all the Officers and Special Position people that served for the past 2 years. The Chapter grew and was able to visit a lot of GREAT places due to their efforts. Each person contributed in his or her own way and was able to help keep the Chapter strong.

I want **WELCOME** our new Officers and assure them I will do everything possible to help in any way possible. I know that **Bill, Dick, Wanda, Bonnie** and **Lawrence** have a lot of new things they want to do and new ideas are always welcome. They will need your help and assistance, just as I did while I was President. I want to reprint a paragraph from 1 of my letters because it is so true and something I believe so strongly.

**“One of the GREAT things about an organization like ours is the fun and fellowship we all**

**enjoy.** These things DO come at a cost though. This base cost is minimal as we only pay \$10.00 a year – **BUT** - what is **NEEDED** though is the **“cost of involvement”**. Taking an Officers position or volunteering as a Host for a rally is really part of **OUR DUES** to have a GREAT Chapter. **PLEASE GET INVOLVED – do your part to help build the Chapter or assist those that DO take part. You will really have a LOT of fun and ALWAYS get MUCH MORE than you give.”**

We have completed the rallies for **2005**. I hope each of you had fun and many happy memories from this year. The **2006** schedule is on the Twister web site and was e-mailed/mailed to each of you. **WE PLAN ON HAVING A LOT MORE FUN.** **Dick Hadsall** is asking for ideas for the **2007** rally season. Some places are **SOLD OUT** already. Give him any help you can by letting him know where you want to go.

I have **MANY** pleasant memories from my 2 years as President. I **THANK** each of you for the cooperation and help you have given me. I've enjoyed the rallies and travels we've been able to be present at. Hope to see you at one of the future rallies.

Have a Safe and Joyful Holiday Season, See you in the Spring,

*Joe & Nancy Wright*

**KANSAS TWISTERS Family Motor Coach Association**

September 9, 2005

The **Kansas Twisters** held their August meeting at Pioneer Village Campgrounds – Minden NE (8/5/05-8/7/05). We had several days to tour the village – and even taking 4 hours a day for 3 days we didn't have time to see everything. The parade to welcome a wounded young lady back from Iraq was great and everyone seemed to enjoy the activities. The caravan on to Minot, North Dakota was great with everything arranged by Loretta Marlowe. We had 4 new members join the Chapter during August.

Please welcome **Richard & Norma Aubin of Mission, KS, Ron & Sharon Cody of Topeka, KS, Jack & Delores Maxton of Scammon, KS** and **Bill & Wilma Tait of Gardner, KS** to the TWISTERS. Each of these new members will bring something SPECIAL to our group. One of these couples drove their motor coach to Minot, North Dakota and back on used cooking oil at a cost of .38 cents a gallon.

The September Rally is at Dodge City, next weekend (9/9-11/05) You need to reserve your space **NOW** and notify Jan Erickson if you plan to attend. Check [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) for more detail and the latest information. Jan has a GREAT time planned for all of us.

The October rally is at **Coffeyville, KS – (10/7/2005 – 10/9/2005)**. Information is being placed on the web and mailed separately. Please e-mail or call me if you plan on going so I can have a count for meal preparation. Remember this is the LAST meeting for this year.

**PLEASE NOTE: The nominating committee has requested that you send any names for a Chapter Office to them. You may call or e-mail any of the members Abby Murray, Dick Hadsall, Dave Marlowe & {(Alt) Shirley Hogoboom} Their goal is to get at least 2 names for each office. PLEASE help them with their goal. The annual election of Kansas Twister Officers will be at the October Rally in Coffeyville, Kansas. Please plan on being there.**

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**PLEASE GET INVOLVED – do your part to help build the Chapter. You will really have a LOT of fun and get MUCH MORE than you give.**

We have completed the rally schedule for **2006**. The schedule will be on the Twister web site and e-mailed/mailed to each of you soon. **WE PLAN ON HAVING A LOT OF FUN.**

We only have 2 Twister rallies left in 2005. If you have not attended a rally this year –the **Dodge** City rally will be fun with Hollywood stars from Gunsmoke and a lot of fun activities planned. **Coffeyville** will have the reenactment of the raid from the Dalton gang, German music & dancers and a town full of street vendors. Of course the best activity is meeting with your Twister friends. Check our web site ([www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)) for more information.

Hope to see you at one of these rallies,

*Joe & Nancy Wright*

**PS: The 2006 Dues need to be sent to Jan Erickson – Treasurer if you plan on remaining in the Chapter.**

**KANSAS TWISTERS Family Motor Coach Association**

July 25, 2005

The **Kansas Twisters** held their meeting at Branson, MO. (7/22/05-7/24/05) at Treasure Lake RV Park. Members of the Chapter went to the shows and attractions and heated ole Branson up to temperatures of **101 to 104** degrees each day. Everybody enjoyed the activities and we

had 2 new members join the Chapter. Please welcome **Loren & Jean Brown of Bonner Springs, KS** and **Mike & Joan Torrance of El Dorado, KS.**

**Janiece Little**, wife of our Vice President – Herb Little passed away last week. She had been ill and finally wasn't able to hang on any longer. Herb asked that I pass on "Thanks & Appreciation" to each of you. More information is in the July Twister minutes.

The August Rally is at the Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska – You need to reserve your space **NOW** and notify Loretta Marlowe or Bob Finley if you plan to attend. Check [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) for more detail and the latest information. (We will have a **SHORT meeting @ 9:30 on Saturday** for those that plan to drive in.) Some from the Chapter will go on to North Dakota for the International rally and travel in a Caravan. If you plan on meeting us there and would like to park with the Twisters – coordinate with Loretta Marlowe so we can enter the grounds at the same time.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

Officer Nominating Committee for 2006: **Abby Murray, Dick Hadsall, Dave Marlowe & {(Alt) Shirley Hogoboom}**

The nominating committee has requested that you send any names for a Chapter Office to them. You may call or e-mail any of the members. Their goal is to get at least 2 names for each office. **PLEASE** help them with their goal. *The annual election of Kansas Twister Officers will be at the October Rally in Coffeyville, Kansas. Please plan on being there.*

We are still working on rallies for 2006. We need Hosts for June, July, August & October.

**PLEASE HELP & VOLUNTEER – IT REALLY IS A LOT OF FUN.**

We only have 3 Twister rallies left in 2005 & 1 of those are out of state. If you have not attended a rally this year –the Dodge City rally will be a lot of fun with Hollywood stars from Gunsmoke and a lot of fun activities planned. Coffeyville will have the reenactment of the raid from the Dalton gang and a town full of street vendors. Of course the best activity is meeting with your Twister friends. Check our web site ([www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)) as more information will be posted soon.

See you at one of the rallies Soon,

*Joe & Nancy Wright*

**PS: It is time to think of the 2006 Dues – Please send yours to Jan Erickson – Treasurer.**

July 12, 2005

The **Kansas Twisters** next meeting will be in Branson, MO. (7/22/05-7/24/05) at Treasure Lake RV Park. Some members of the Chapter plan on going early to enjoy more of the shows and attractions. Most of the time will be "on your own to enjoy as much of the area as possible. (We will have a **SHORT meeting @ 9:30 on Saturday** for those that plan to drive in.) Come on out and join in with your friends at a great place to have fun. The camping fees are very low (\$16.61 per night) and you will only pay for what you want to see or do.

I delayed this letter until I could report some information on **Janice Little**. She has been moved from the hospital to a rehab facility. She spent 2 ½ weeks in intensive care and words like "Miracle" or "1 in a Million" are used by the doctors quite a bit. Jan is convinced that the prayers and thoughts from the **Twisters** are one of the prime reasons she pulled through. Herb asked that I pass on the "Thanks" each of you so richly deserve. They request that visits wait for awhile as Jan still has a *long* way to go. Please send letters or cards, not flowers. Prayers & good thoughts are always appreciated and needed.

The August Rally is at the Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska – You need to reserve your space **NOW** and notify Loretta Marlowe or Bob Finley if you plan to attend. Check [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) for more detail and the latest information. There will be a short meeting on Saturday at 9:30 AM for those planning to drive in. The trip on to North Dakota for the International rally

looks like it will be fun also. A lot of places to visit and have fun with friends.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

The nomination committee for new officers for 2006 is: *Abby Murray, Dick Hadsall, Dave Marlowe & {(Alt) Shirley Hogoboom}* *The annual election of Kansas Twister Officers will be at the October Rally in Coffeyville, Kansas. Please plan on being there.*

**The nominating committee has requested that you send any names for a Chapter Office to them. You may call or e-mail any of the members.**

We still working on rallies for 2006. If you know of a place you want to go or would be interested in being a host for one of the rallies, please let me know. We need a place for July & October and hosts for June, July, August & October. **PLEASE HELP & VOLUNTEER**

It doesn't seem possible but the Rally year is almost over. We only have 4 Twister rallies left in 2005 & 2 of those are out of state. If you have not attended a rally this year – both the Dodge City and Coffeyville meetings are great ones to attend. Come on out, get involved and join us when you can. I know gas and diesel prices are high – but rallies have been planned to keep costs down to offset the cost of traveling.

See you Soon, Please Drive Safely,

*Joe & Nancy Wright*

PS: It is time to think of the 2006 Dues – Please send yours to Jan Erickson – Treasurer.

June 6, 2005

The **Kansas Twisters** met at Louisburg, KS (6/3/05-6/5/05) at Rutlader RV Park. There were 25 Units present to enjoy the weekend. The Community Center was used on Friday & Saturday evening for our evening meals and everyone had a great time. Some of the new members were introduced to mud slides and really enjoyed them. *(We missed the Erickson's – Jan was ill and unable to go)*

There were donuts & coffee on Saturday morning, a Chicken or Brisket or Roast Pork dinner Saturday evening, and fresh made cinnamon rolls, donuts and coffee on Sunday AM. The "Hosts" arranged for our coaches to be "washed" on both Friday and Saturday evening as we had over 3 inches of rain. Some of our Twisters enjoyed "fireworks" when we watched a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel get hit by lightning. Thanks to **Dick & Bea Hadsall**, and **Albert & Shirley Hogoboom** for hosting the rally and making it such fun for everyone.

We have 2 new members joining the Chapter bringing our total to 101 units. They are – **Russ & Judy Haley** of Tecumseh, KS and **Vince & Marilyn DePasquale** of Milford, KS. If you get a chance, *Welcome* these new members into our Chapter and get to know them as they are great people to visit with.

The July Rally is at Treasure Lake RV Resort in Branson, MO – You need to reserve your space **NOW** and notify Bob Finley if you plan to attend. Check [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) for more detail and the latest information. (Thanks Loretta Marlowe) The camping fees are very low (\$16.61 per night) and you will only pay for what you want to see or do.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: Voted by Chapter 6/4/05**

**1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:**

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly by the Chapter membership. They are: *(Abby Murray, Dick Hadsall, Dave Marlowe & {(Alt) Shirley Hogoboom})*
- B. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elected office.

**2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:**

- A. To select one of its members as Nominating Committee Chairman. *Abby Murray*
- B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Offices of President, Vice President/Rally Master, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and Alternate National Director for the upcoming year, to be presented for voting by the Chapter membership.
- C. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.
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- E. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies occurring in elected Chapter offices.

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We are trying to set and reserve rallies for 2006. IF you know of a place you want to go or would be interested in being a host for one of the rallies, please let me know. We need a place for July & October and Hosts for June, July, August & October. **PLEASE HELP & VOLUNTEER**

**Joe & Nancy Wright**

May 9, 2005

The Kansas Twisters met in Abilene (5/6/05-5/8/05) at the covered Wagon RV Park. There were 32 Families on Friday night with 1 more arriving Saturday for dinner. The Senior Citizens Center was used on Friday & Saturday evening for our evening meals as the facility at the park was too small for our group and not accessible for some of our members.

There was a Sausage Gravy, Biscuit and Scrambled Egg breakfast on Saturday morning, a Fried Chicken dinner Saturday evening, and rolls, donuts and coffee on Sunday AM. The weather was chilly in the evenings but warmed up nicely on Friday and Saturday for the City wide sidewalk sale. Some of our Twisters visited the candy factory as they felt they needed to "sweeten" up some dispositions. Many thanks to Wayne & Edith Liekers, Steve & Mary Koons, and all the others who stepped in and helped to make this rally so pleasant.

We had 2 new members join the Chapter to bring our total to 99 units. They were – Chuck & Mary Perrier of Parsons, KS and Steve & Susie Cardwell of Hutchinson, KS. Please Welcome these new members into our Chapter and get to know them as they are great people to visit with. The June Rally is at Rutladers RV Park in Louisburg – You need to reserve your space NOW and notify Dick Hadsell of your choice of dinner meats. Check [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) for more detail as our REVISED website is up and running with the latest information. (Thanks Loretta Marlowe) June is one of our 2 Annual meetings and we will be electing our nominating committee for our election of officers. We need a good turnout for this meeting.

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The annual election of Kansas Twister Officers will be at the October Rally in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Our VP/Wagonmaster is in the process of selling his motorcoach and may resign. We are trying to set and reserve rallies for 2006. IF you know of a place you want to go or would be interested

in being a host for one of the rallies, please let me know. We need to fill July & October. Let me know at the rally in Louisburg in June or give me a call.

Joe & Nancy Wright

April 14, 2005

The **Kansas Twisters** met in Winfield (4/1/05-4/3/05) at the Fairgrounds in Building #4. There were 26 Families on Friday night with 2 more arriving Saturday for a total of 28 Units present. The Mayor spoke with us on Friday evening and was well received by everyone. His facts and stories of Winfield were enjoyed by all. This is the first time for a Mayor of a City to speak at our rally and try to ensure everyone enjoyed their visit. We held a White Elephant auction for the Flower Fund on Saturday afternoon. The income from the auction was \$311.75. I am hoping we don't have anyone get sick or need flowers. It would be great if we didn't have to use any of the funds in the next year. There was a Pancake breakfast on Saturday Morning, a Sloppy Joe dinner Saturday evening, bean bag baseball game against another camping outfit Saturday noon and donuts and coffee on Sunday AM. The weather was chilly Friday but warmed up nicely on Saturday and Sunday. We had a nice rally even though there wasn't a host. Many thanks to the **Finleys, Noggles, Blacklocks, Hogoboos, Murrays** and all the others who helped so much.

Since the last newsletter we have 4 new members joining the Chapter to bring our total to 96 units. 2 of the members joined before the rally, - **Gerald & Marlies Krug** of Great Bend, KS and **Walter & Michelle Eis** of McPherson, KS. And 2 joined during the Winfield rally - **Frederic & Thadene Haas** of Smith Center, KS and **Ray & Anne Barber** of Wichita, KS. Please *Welcome* these new members into our Chapter and spend some time visiting with them as the opportunity presents itself.

Our rally for May will be in Abilene, KS. The Leiker's are planning a great time and there is quite a lot to do and see at Abilene. Edith has sent a rally schedule and cost to everyone. Please plan on attending and reserve your space ASAP.

We are trying to set and reserve spaces for 2006. While it seems early - most good places are reserved 2 or more years in advance. IF you know of a place you want to go or would be interested in being a host for one of the rallies, please let one of the Officers know.

See you in Abilene in May

**Joe & Nancy Wright**

March 4, 2005

The Kansas Twisters (*Texas Wanderers*) luncheon was held Tuesday (2/15/05) at the Golden Corral in Harlingen. There were 15 Families at the dinner and the weather was just beautiful. Bud & Myrna Fair and Herb & Janice Little hosted and made arrangements for the location. Everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the visiting with friends. I know it was tough for me to leave the 91 degree temperature and come back to Kansas where it was just 14 degrees. Maybe some day I will be retired and can stay there for the winter.

The FMCA 73rd International Convention at Perry, Georgia is just a couple of weeks away. There will be Chapter recruitment tables to advertise our Chapter to potential new members. If you plan on going and would like to man the tables for approximately 4 hours, please do so.

So far - we only know of 2 members attending the rally.

## **SPRING IS ALMOST HERE AND IT'S RALLY SEASON**

April 1-3 is the FIRST rally of the season at Winfield, KS. We have received word on 18 couples going to the rally so far. We have parking and electricity for up to 100 coaches. Let me know (620 421-5657) if you plan to attend as we will have a breakfast and dinner and need a count for food. There is ample parking and plenty of 50 amp hookups for all. The rally fee is only \$25.00 includes parking for 3 days and is payable when you arrive. If you want to arrive early – there is a \$6.00 per day fee for parking and electricity. **Remember – this is our annual auction for the flower fund. Bring your white elephants or other items to auction.**

### **NOTE:**

Herb Little is working on the 2006 Rally Schedule. IF you have a place you would like to go – please contact him so he can start planning and reserving the areas. The area needs to be large enough to hold approximately 40 coaches and have activities the chapter would enjoy. See you in Winfield the first weekend of April.

*Joe & Nancy Wright*

February 1, 2005

The Kansas Twisters (*home crowd*) luncheon was held this last Saturday (1/29/05) at the Golden Corral in Emporia. There were 20 Families present even though the weather (*winter storm warnings with snow and ice on the ground*) didn't cooperate at all. Brad and Alice Elkins were great hosts and had contacted the Chamber of Commerce for "goodie bags" as well as making arrangements for the location. Everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the visiting with friends. Most are ready for spring and the renewal of the rally season.

It seems like our Kansas Twister's have had their share of illness this winter season. We wish each and every one a speedy recovery and will keep them in our prayers and thoughts. I would like to remind everyone- IF you know of someone ill or in the hospital – please let our Flowers & Cards person (*Jan Erickson*) know - so we can send them our best wishes and thoughts of a speedy recovery.

Our next scheduled activity is the Texas winter dinner meeting. Please RSVP with the host so they can plan seating arrangements. We sure hope to see any of you there that can make it. FMCA Headquarters plans on having Chapter recruitment tables for the 73<sup>rd</sup> International Convention at Perry, Georgia. These tables will be to advertise our Chapter to potential new members. The table needs to be set up and manned for approximately 4 hours. We would like to find out who is going so the Chapter can be represented at this activity. So far – we only know of 1 member attending the rally. Please call or e-mail me if you plan on attending.

April 1-3 is the rally at Winfield, KS. We have parking and electricity for up to 100 coaches – this is the FIRST rally for 2005, so please see the attached schedule and let us know if you plan to attend. Remember – this is our annual auction for the flower fund. Bring your white elephants or other items to donate.

### **NOTE:**

We are working on the 2006 Rally Schedule. IF you have a place you would like to go – please contact Herb Little so we can start planning and reserving the areas. The area needs to be large enough to hold approximately 40 coaches and have activities the chapter would enjoy.

See you in the Valley at the dinner or in Winfield the first weekend of April.

*Joe & Nancy Wright*

**January 5, 2005**

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and an Enjoyable Holiday Season. Nancy and I went to Houston to stay warm with our family for Christmas and got *snowed* out. Sure was a lot warmer and nicer here than it was there. The Texicans sure enjoyed the snow – even though they couldn't DRIVE with it on the ground. (Imagine)

Our current membership roster has 91 members listed. We gained 2 new members since our last letter: Troy & Cleadus **Teeters** of Shawnee, KS and Harold & Dorthea **Young** of Kansas City, MO. Please give them a big Twisters welcome when you see them. Several of our new members plan on attending the January dinner. We also have at least 4 new prospects for membership. With the addition of Bob & Joyce Finley of Marysville, KS - Livingston, TX as "**Mom & Pop**", the new members will have someone to help welcome them to the Chapter and act as a resource for them.

Our next activity is the winter dinner meeting this month. This gives us a break during the winter and lets us see our friends again and think of warmer times. Please RSVP with the host so she can plan seating arrangements. We sure hope to see each of you there.

FMCA Headquarters plans on having Chapter recruitment tables for the 73<sup>rd</sup> International Convention at Perry, Georgia. These tables will be to explain our Chapter to potential new members and advertise the Chapter. The table needs to be set up and manned for approximately 4 hours. We would like to find out who is going as we also have new members that would like to caravan with someone. If either of these interest you – please give me a call and I will try to get all the information out to everyone planning on attending.

**NOTE:**

Even though it seems a long ways off – we are working on the 2006 Rally Schedule. IF you have a place you would like to go – please contact Herb Little so we can start planning and reserving the areas. It is getting more difficult to find large enough areas for our Chapter and we have to make reservations a year or more in advance to assure availability.

See you in Emporia at the dinner the last weekend of this month.

Joe & Nancy Wright

**December 1, 2004**

The Twisters have either departed the area or are leaving as fast as possible. The rally season is over in this part of the country so almost everyone is going to Arizona, Florida or Texas. I'm sure those of us left here wish we were able to travel and see this great nation of ours also. When everyone returns we will see the new coaches, listen to all the adventures and share the experiences with our friends. We wish everyone a safe trip.

After discussion with several people I have decided to create a new appointed position. For now it will be called "**NEW MEMBERS MOM & DAD**". The purpose of the position is to help new members or guests meet people in the chapter and know they are welcome and part of the chapter. The Mom & Dad will make it easier for all of us as they will help make introductions and get someone in the chapter to "buddy" with new members. **Bob & Joyce Finley** have agreed to accept this challenge and be our first "MOM & DAD". Please assist them as they help to make our chapter a warmer, friendlier group the new members can call "home".

We wish to WELCOME the two new members – **Barry Walker** from Pleasanton, KS and **Ray & Marilyn Leeds** of Emporia, KS. We look forward to meeting them soon and seeing them at one of the 2005 rallies.

So far 19 have been dropped from the 2005 rolls leaving our chapter with 89 rigs (1 has requested to be dropped as soon as the 2005 membership expires). (We still have 4 members to pay dues – so this may change.) All have been invited to visit a future rally. **The TWISTERS** and other chapters are invited to set up a recruitment table at the **National Convention in Perry, Georgia** in March of 2005. IF you are planning on attending and would like to "help get out the word" on the

Twisters, let me know. We need new members to help replace those that have decided to leave us.

Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) is working on the **2006** schedule. If you have any location you think the Twister would enjoy going to, please contact Herb.

**Emporia, Golden Corral – Emporia Room (by Wal Mart) – 11:00 am Saturday - January 29, 2005** is our next scheduled activity. *This will be a dinner and not a scheduled rally.* There will be a brief nonbusiness

meeting about 1:30 pm. **Brad & Alice Elkins** will host this activity – plan on driving in to meet with your friends. Please notify the hosts if you plan on attending.

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) should have information on the rallies soon. The 2005 schedule is complete and includes Hosts and contact info. This information is also listed in the Chapter Activities section of the FMCA magazine on a monthly basis.

"Thanks" to those of you that contacted Nancy during her recent episode with her heart. She is "O.K." – out of the hospital – and ready to travel again. The doctors just took precautionary measures, including hospitalization and tests.

See you at "**Emporia**" in January or the "**Rio Grande Valley**" in February – Drive Safe, have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

**October 22, 2004**

The Twisters met at Carthage, MO (Oct 7-8-9-10) at the Coachlight RV Resort with 28 member rigs present. Everyone had a great time while playing games, *eating*, going to view the coaches, *eating*, seeing the local sights and *eating*. (Notice a pattern here.) There was a little rain – but with a great Campground and wonderful hosts – it didn't seem to bother anyone. We even watched a DVD of the sights and activities that took place during the Oregon Caravan.

The Twisters held their 2<sup>nd</sup> required meeting of the year. There was an election of officers with everyone remaining in office except the treasurer. Shirley Hogoboom wanted to retire so she could enjoy the rallies and just relax. Shirley has done a great job and been our treasurer since the chapter was formed. She was given a plaque and much thanks for all she has done for the chapter. She was replaced by Jan Erickson who is full of vigor (*she will wear down soon*) and ready for you to pay your 2005 dues, if you haven't sent them in.

So far 11 members have requested to be dropped from the 2005 rolls. Most have left because of selling their coaches, ill health or just being unable to attend rallies with the chapter. This brings our Chapter membership to 95 rigs, and 1 has requested to be dropped as soon as the 2005 membership expires. (*We still have 25 members to pay dues – so this may change.*) It's sad to say "so long" to members – but we do wish them well and hope they are able to visit a future rally.

**The TWISTERS and other chapters are invited to set up a recruitment table at the National Convention in Perry, Georgia in March of 2005. There is plenty of time for us to make plans – so IF you are planning on attending and would like to "help get out the word" on the Twisters, let me know.**

Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) has the **2005** schedule completed so it is time for him to start to work on **2006** (No rest for the weary). If you have any ideas on a location you think the Twister

would enjoy going to, please contact Herb.

Emporia, Golden Corral – Emporia Room (by Wal Mart) – Saturday -January 29, 2005 is our next scheduled activity. *This will be a dinner and not a scheduled rally.* There will be a brief non-business meeting about 1:30 pm. Brad & Alice Elkins will host this activity – plan on driving in to meet with your friends - if possible. Please notify the hosts if you plan on attending

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) has information on the rallies. The 2005 schedule is posted and includes Hosts and contact info. This information is also listed in the Chapter Activities section of the FMCA magazine on a monthly basis.

**The 2004 rally year is gone. There were many GREAT places we visited as a Chapter. We met a lot of "new" people and formed wonderful friendships. New Coaches, fun times, wonderful travels are all memories from this year. Next Year -2005 – promises to be as good or better. Be sure to plan on attending, where and if possible, and RSVP – ASAP.** See you at Emporia in January or the Rio Grande in February – Drive Safe, have a Bountiful and Merry Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

## September 15, 2004

The twisters met at Pomona lake last weekend (Sept 10-12) and had perfect weather, a great place to park (with Pavilion), good food and everyone seemed to have a great time.

The Twisters played snakes (you just had to be there) and had a fashion show with some old time fashions (bell bottoms) as well as the new (can-can skirts). Everyone had a great time, seemed to enjoy the show and have a lot of fun. Norma Robbins was a great host and even invited a professional laughter leader to ensure that we were happy. (Ho Ho - Ha Ha Ha) There were only 13 units present and since we didn't have the 15 required for a meeting – we deferred all business until the October meeting at Carthage.

We wish to WELCOME the two new members – Joe & Charlotte Harris from Wichita, KS and Larry & Judy Ormsbee of Hermitage, MO. We look forward to them being at a rally soon and meeting everyone. This brings our Chapter membership to 106 rigs, but 2 have requested to be dropped and we will be deleting them from the roster as soon as this years membership expires.

Some of the TWISTERS are on the way to the 6 State Convention in Gonzales, Louisiana. The hurricane (Ivan) is heading in that general direction also. There may be some interesting tales to listen to in October after everyone returns.

Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) has the **2005** schedule completed. We need a host for September 9-11 at Dodge City, KS. Please contact Herb. The schedule will be passed out & posted in October.

Carthage – October 7-10 is our next scheduled rally. This meeting will be one of the two annual chapter meetings required by FMCA. The meeting will be held after breakfast on Saturday Morning at 10:00 am in the Coachlight RV Park meeting room. The report from the nominating committee, Election of officers, Use of chapter funds and other important chapter business will take place. If you are not attending the rally – plan on driving in for the meeting if possible. The \$10.00 dues for 2005 are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you joined the chapter since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July this year your dues are paid, if not – please send your dues to the treasurer or pay them in Carthage.

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) has a copy of all rallies and information on the rallies. The 2005 rallies will be posted as soon as the Carthage meeting is over.

It is hard to believe – but there is only 1 more rally left for this year. The nominating committee will present a slate of Officers for election - of course nominations will also be taken from the floor. If you feel someone would make a good Officer – check with them and get their permission & commitment before nominating them. This will avoid embarrassment as new officers take over at the October meeting. Edith Leiker has a great rally planned with a fun time for all. Be sure to RSVP – ASAP.

See you at Carthage – Drive Safe,

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright  
August 2004

The weather was a little rainy in the middle of the week, but turned out nice for the weekend. We had 20 coaches at the rally and 29 were present for the Chapter meeting on Saturday morning. Most are preparing to go to Colorado or Oregon at this time. Reminder for you to let Norma Robbins know if you plan on attending the Pomona rally in September.

I wish to WELCOME the three new members – **Vern & Karen Oakes** from Wichita, KS - **Ron & Marnette Hatchett** of Newton, KS and **Rod & Wanda Ryel** of Sedgewick, KS. This brings our membership roster to 104 units although I have received notice of at least 3 members that do not plan on renewing their membership for 2005. We sure would have a heck of a rally if we could get everyone to show at the same time – wouldn't we.

**IF YOU WANT TO PARK** with the **TWISTERS** at the **FMCA National Convention in Oregon**, they will park in the full generator section. You **DO NOT** have to caravan with the group - just meet us at a designated location prior to entering the grounds on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. @ 1:15 pm. We have 9 rigs at this time. Let me know if you want to join us.

Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) has worked hard to line out places for **2005**. The list was presented and discussed at Spring Lake. Winfield, Abilene, Louisburg, Branson, Minden, Dodge City and Coffeyville are places we will be going. **Hosts are needed** for some of these rallies. There will be a primary host and they can choose co-host(s) to help. Please contact Herb.

Spring Lake –The meeting was held on Saturday Morning at 10:00 am. Election of the nominating committee, changes to our standing rules and setting the 2005 rally schedule was accomplished. A discussion of additional Chairpersons took place. There may be a need for a Quarterly Newsletter Editor, Webmaster or Chapter Chaplain. Give us your ideas. Election of the officers will take place in October at the Carthage rally. A decision on the amount of funds for the treasury was delayed. This will probably be brought up again at the October meeting. October is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the two business meetings required by FMCA.

There are only 3 more rallies left for this year. The nominating committee was elected in July with a slate of Officers to be presented and elections held in October - of course nominations will also be taken from the floor. If you feel someone would make a good Officer – check with them and get their permission & commitment before nominating them. It is also time to mention Chapter Dues as they are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. See you at the next Rally – Be Safe,

Sincerely,  
Joe & Nancy Wright  
**July 1, 2004**

For the first time I get to start off my letter with some GREAT NEWS. Shirley Hogoboom (Treasurer) just got word from her doctor that she is cancer free. She still has to build her stamina back and do exercises, but she is feeling better every day and wanted to share this news with her friends.

The Twisters manned the booth at the Hutchinson rally and signed 47 new FMCA members, 2 commercials and 2 for the Twisters. Everyone did a great job, seemed to have a lot of fun, and we appreciate it very much. We wish to WELCOME the two new members – Wayne & Bonnie McCandless from Manhattan, KS and Ron & Nancy Herberholz of Beloit, KS. We look forward to them being at a rally soon and meeting everyone.

**IF YOU WANT TO PARK** with the TWISTERS at the FMCA National Convention in Oregon, we plan on parking in the full generator section (\$99.00). You **DO NOT** have to caravan with the group (although I think Loretta Marlowe has planned a great caravan) just meet us at a designated location prior to entering the grounds on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. @ 1:15 pm. We have 9 rigs at this time. Let me know if you want to join us. Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) has worked hard to line out places for **2005**. He will present a list at Spring Lake. We need hosts for these rallies. There will be a primary host & co-host(s) to help. Please contact Herb.

Spring Lake – July 9<sup>th</sup> is our next scheduled rally. This meeting will be one of the two annual meetings required by FMCA. The meeting will be held on Saturday Morning at 10:00 am in family center #1.

Election of the nominating committee, Use of Chapter Funds and other important chapter business will take place. If you are not attending the rally – plan on driving in for the meeting.

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) has a copy of all rallies and information on the rallies. You can read or print the information. All rallies should be posted very soon. We have some past rally pictures posted, and hope to have more in the future. You will be able to download or print them also. It is hard to believe – but there are only 4 more rallies left for this year. The nominating committee will be elected in July with a slate of Officers to be presented and elections held in October - of course nominations will also be taken from the floor. If you feel someone would make a good Officer – check with them and get their permission & commitment before nominating them. It is also time to mention Chapter Dues as they are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

See you at the next Rally – Be Safe,

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

**June 3, 2004**

First – I want to welcome 2 new members to the Kansas Twisters. They are member numbers 97 and 98 and both joined June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Lawrence & Pam Noggle** join us from **Vinita, Oklahoma** after having met some of the Twisters at the Claremore, OK International rally. They plan on being at one of the meetings soon, possibly October. **Dwane & Valerie Richardson** are from **Eudora, Kansas**. They were at the Prairie Rose rally and joined us for Sunday breakfast. They want to be at a rally as soon as possible – but do not have firm plans made yet. *We look forward to meeting both couples in the near future. WELCOME to the TWISTERS.*

**IF YOU WANT TO PARK** with the **TWISTERS** at the **FMCA National Convention in Oregon**, you need to send me your name and registration papers with a check by June 20<sup>th</sup>. We plan on parking in the full generator section (\$99.00) and have to send everyone in at the same time. You **DO NOT** have to caravan with the group (although I think Loretta Marlowe has planned a great time) **just meet us prior to entering the grounds. We have 8 rigs at this time.**

**Herb Little (VP/Rally Master)** is lining out places for **2005**. If you feel you know of a good place to have a rally or would like to get involved as a host, please contact him.

The **Great North American RV Rally** is in Hutchinson in June and we have 16 couples that volunteered to work the booth for FMCA. I will publish a list soon and wish to thank each and every person volunteering from the Chapter.

The reservations for Spring Lake in July are **DUE NOW**. This is a reminder to please **RSVP** with the host for planning purposes. It is never too early to make reservations for any of our 2004 rallies.

We are getting ready to leave for the June (Pineville) Rally. Hosts are Schwart's, May's and Sell's. This is always a great rally and lot's of fun on the river and time to just sit back and relax. If you are unable to attend for the week – you should be able to get in for the weekend (11-13) as there are usually camping spots available

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

information on the rallies. You can read or print the information. All rallies except September are posted and we hope to have this in the next week or so. We have some past rally pictures posted, and hope to have more in the future. You will be able to download or print them also.

We could not wait for the rally season to start – now we are almost halfway thru the rally year. We sure do hope to see each and every one of you soon. Stay well and safe travels.

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

**May 14, 2004**

There was a great rally last weekend at Benton - Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Dinner. We had 12 rigs in attendance with another 2 families joining us for our Saturday morning meeting. The parking was limited – but everyone seemed to have a great time with plenty of food, great weather and good entertainment in the evening. The hosts, (Middleton's and Fair's) put in a lot of effort with a great deco art glass door prize and fun places to visit.

Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) is working on the remainder of this years schedule and lining out places for **2005**. Several places have been reserved – Coffeyville, Kansas in September for the Dalton shoot out - Abilene, Kansas for a special weekend - Minden, Nebraska in August for the Pioneer Village and then on to Minden, North Dakota for the FMCA Convention. If you feel you know of a good place to have a rally or would like to get involved as a host, please contact him.

A reminder to please **RSVP** with the host **ASAP** for planning purposes for any 2004 rally.

You should have your reservation for June (Pineville) turned in. Hosts are Schwart's, May's and Sell's. This is always a great rally and lot's of fun on the river and time to just sit back and relax.

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) has a copy of all rallies and information on the rallies. Go to the site, then Click on the month you want and that rally information will appear. You can read or print the information. All rallies except September and October are posted and we hope to have these two in the next week or so. We plan to have past rally pictures posted in the near future, so you can print them also.

We have a great group of people and do a lot of fun things at the rallies. We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

**April 20, 2004**

The rally season is here. Our first rally of the year was held in Bartlesville, OK and we had 29 rigs attend. The parking was tight due to the city holding up the campground construction permit – but everyone seemed to have a great time with plenty of food, places to go visit and great weather. The hosts, (Erickson and Bennett) put in a lot of effort with door prizes for all and fun activities.

Our current membership roster still stands at 98 members. We did not gain or lose any members since our last letter. The Chapter voted to change the new membership fee to \$25.00. This will cover ordering name tags and the first years dues. After that the annual dues remain \$10.00. This

helps to eliminate confusion over ordering name tags and makes it easier for the treasurer. Herb Little (**VP/Rally Master**) is working on the remainder of this years schedule and lining out places for **2005**. If you feel you know of a good place to have a rally or would like to get involved as a host, please contact him at **herbjanlittle@aol.com**.

This year, we have several rallies where parking or electricity will be limited. **RSVP** with the host **ASAP** to assure your place. The fairest way for everyone is on a first come – first served basis. If you have a reservation-you will be guaranteed a place. We will do our best to get you the best space available. The Twisters are now listed in the FMCA magazine and may even have guests reserve from outside the chapter.

You should have your reservation for May (Prarie Rose) completed. Hosts are Middleton and Fair. Rally information for June, July and August will be sent to you soon. Watch for it and respond as soon as possible.

The Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>) will have a copy of all rallies and information on the rallies. Go to the site, then schedule-Click on the rally that has a colored heading and that rally information will appear. You can print the information and keep a copy.

We hope to have past rally pictures posted soon, so you can print them also.

**SPECIAL NOTE: The host for the Colorado rally is asking for you to let her know if you plan on attending and for info on what you would like to do. We are staying at a KOA and must make reservations. Call Margaret Walker if you plan on attending Buena Vista in August.**

Sincerely,

Joe & Nancy Wright

The following letter was asked to be passed on to the chapter.

Last year, the ladies from the Red River Rovers (under the expert guidance of Kitty Ammenheuser and Geri Innocenti) assisted in the planning and production of the wonderful Red Hat Tea at the Six State Rally in Wichita Falls. Everyone had such a good time that the decision was made to do something special in 2004 for all of the FMCA ladies. With full approval of the "powers-to-be" ....

A Quilt Challenge is being planned for the Six State Rally in Gonzales, Louisiana in September, 2004.

The Red River Rovers would like to extend a challenge to all FMCA Rv'ers in the South Central area. Plans are for each Club to make small quilts that will be presented to the local community on Volunteer Recognition night. These quilts will be given to an area quilt guild which will distribute these quilts to area police, firemen and community agencies who in turn will give them to children in crisis situations. These quilts can be sewn, crocheted, knitted or made from fleece and tied. They should be anywhere from 42" x 42" to 54" x 54". They should be made in colors that are pleasing and happy for children. In numerous situations, children are removed from their homes with only the clothes on their backs. These quilts will be something that will, not only be comforting, but will also be something that belongs to them.

A contact has been made with the president of the local quilt guild and we have been told that there is a tremendous need for this type of support. Children in every community need extra care and attention.

All quilts made will be displayed in a "Show and Tell" area during part of the Six State Rally where everyone will enjoy looking at them. Think of the joy these quilts will bring.

Keep your eyes open for a picture and an article in the FMCA magazine in the next few months.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ann Bailey

Red River Rovers

[txberry@msn.com](mailto:txberry@msn.com)

### **February 20, 2004**

The rally season is almost here. As I write this letter many of the Twisters are making plans for the FMCA 71<sup>st</sup> Convention in New Mexico. If you plan on going – let me know and I will publish a list so you can meet with your Twister friends. FMCA Headquarters will have Chapter tables at the Albuquerque National Convention. (These tables will be to recruit new

members and advertise the Chapter from 1-3 pm on Monday at the Tingley Coliseum on the fairgrounds). Call Edith Leiker if you would like to help.

Shirley Hogoboom is still hanging in there. She continues to talk about how much she appreciated the Letters, Cards, Phone Calls and all the Twister Family. She did request that you not send flowers, as she may have to open a flower shop soon or hire an additional person to care for them.

Our current membership roster has 98 members. We gained 2 new members since our last letter: John & Carolyn Smith of Rose Hill, Bob & Connie Unrein of Haysville. We also have at least 3 new prospects for membership. Please give them a big Twisters welcome when you see them. Looks like we will surpass the 100 rig mark soon.

The winter dinner meetings were great. We had 40 reserve for Marion, KS – 64 attended. Awards (Plaques) were given to Richard Vester, Abby Murray, Larry Schwart & Walt Bennett for their 2 years of service to the chapter. There were 26 reserved for the Texas boat ride – 32 attended – 26 reserved for the Texas dinner – 34 attended. The same award was given to Leta Morgan for her 2 years of service. One member - Walt Bennett arrived dressed in formal attire to try to get another award – but it didn't work. Pictures of these meetings and the boat ride should be on our web site soon.

If you look at the reservations vs attendance – you see there is quite a difference. While we are able to adjust and can usually accommodate everyone – this may not always be the case. We have several rallies where parking or electricity will be limited. RSVP with the host ASAP to assure your place. The fairest way for everyone is on a first come – first served basis. Since we are now listed in the FMCA magazine – we may even have guests reserve from outside the chapter.

Remember – you only have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to renew you FMCA membership at the old prices. This is a \$70.00 savings over new prices (5 yrs). See the February FMCA magazine for details.

I am attaching the revised Rally Schedule with some minor changes. I will have copies for anyone not able to open or print it. If you have trouble with this e-mail, please let me know or go to the Kansas Twister web site: (<http://www.kansastwisters.net>)

**SPECIAL NOTE: The host for the Colorado rally is asking for you to let her know if you plan on attending and for info on what you would like to do. Call Margaret Walker if you plan on attending Buena Vista.**

Joe & Nancy Wright

January 16, 2004

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Nancy and I were in Houston with our family for Christmas and then traveled to enjoy New Years in the Texas Valley with some of our Twister friends. Sure is a lot warmer and nicer there than it is here.

Shirley Hogoboom is doing well. She plans on attending the dinner next Saturday and everyone will get a chance to visit with her at that time. She told me how much she appreciated the Letters, Cards, Phone Calls and all the Twister Family.

Our current membership roster has 95 members listed. We gained 4 new members since our last letter: Ron & Sherry Barnhart of Hutchinson, Harley & Miki Dyer of Derby, Charles & Jan Evans of Emporia & R. E. & Joyce Finley of Marysville are all new members. Several plan on attending the January dinner. We also have at least 2 new prospects for membership. Please give them a big Twisters welcome when you see them. Looks like we will have 100 rigs soon.

Our winter dinner is next Saturday. This gives us a break during the winter and lets us see our

friends again. Please RSVP so we can plan seating arrangements. See you there.

January 24th will be the Twisters Dinner in Kansas at the Kingfisher Inn @ Marion from 11:30 to 2:00 PM. Dinner will be \$8.95 for your choice of a 3 piece chicken dinner or chicken fried steak including salad bar and potato. RSVP by Jan 21st to Barb McCurdy.

February 10th will be the Twisters Dinner in Texas at the Sirloin Stockade @ Harlingen at 2:00 PM. Dinner will be \$4.95 and if you are still hungry Steak is served at 4 PM.

February 9th is a boat ride on the Rio Grande River. This will be at the riverside Inn in Mission, close to Peppi's and only cost approximately \$13.00 per person. RSVP for either or both by February 1st to Herb Little.

FMCA Headquarters plans on having Chapter tables for the Albuquerque National Convention. These tables will be to recruit new members and advertise the Chapter. The table needs to be set up and manned for approximately 4 hours. We also have new members that would like to caravan with someone. If either of these are interesting to you – please give me a call.

Remember – you only have until March 1st to renew you FMCA membership at the old prices. See the January FMCA magazine for details.

Kansas Twisters - President

Joe S. Wright,

Kansas Twisters - Treasurer

Shirley Hogoboom

Joe & Nancy Wright

**December 9, 2003**

First - I apologize for being so late in with this letter. I was waiting for some information so I wouldn't send out more than one letter about the same subject.

We are all thankful that our Treasurer Shirley Hogoboom is doing so well. She has a long difficult task ahead of her to be 100%, but we all stand behind her and know she will come through everything O.K.

The 2004 schedule is finally complete except one host position. The biggest changes you will notice is that we have tried to put an address and complete location with each rally. A detailed rally sheet will be published approximately 60 days prior to each rally.

**Remember** the Hosts are trying to make the rally as enjoyable for you as possible – **You** should help & RSVP as soon as possible so they can plan the activities. Notify the host from your Chapter roster or membership book, or notify one of the Chapter Officers.

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We currently have 90 members on our Chapter roster and 1 that said they would pay by end of December. We lost: Carl & Margaret Davis, Earl & Mary Engelbert, Mel & Gerry Gough, Kenneth & Rose Griffis, Jim & Carol Hewgley, Les & Tommi Osburn, Don & Anita Singular and Marshall & Marlene Hatfield. We wish them the best in their future travels.

We also gained 2 new members: Tom & Pam Young of Topeka, KS and Brad & Alice Elkins of Emporia, KS. A big Twisters welcome to each and we hope to see you at a rally soon.

Nancy and I are going to Houston for Christmas then on to Brownsville, TX for a short while. We plan on seeing a lot of our Twister friends and just relaxing and enjoying the season. We wish each and every one of you a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Years. Hopefully we will see you at the January dinner.

**NOTE:**

I am attaching the revised 2004 rally schedule. Great places & excellent hosts for next year. It sure will be good to get rid of winter and start motoring again. If you have trouble with this e-mail, please let me know.

Joe & Nancy Wright

**October 22, 2003**

I believe I have finally entered all the names from our Twisters roster into my e-mail address book. It was more of a chore and took longer than I thought it would so please accept my apology for being so late in sending you this information.

First, let me thank you for your confidence in electing Nancy and I as your new Presidents. We, along with all the other Officers elected will do our best during our term in office and look forward to the fellowship and great times the Twisters are noted for. We have had GREAT leadership from our past officers and only hope we are able to live up to the example they set.

I want to provide you with my address and phone number so you can reach me or leave a message. Please feel free to call me anytime. (Address deleted by webmaster)

**NOTE:**

**I am attaching the 2004 rally schedule. As you can see, there are still some items to be worked out, but the schedule will be updated as information comes in. Nice rallies at new places with excellent hosts are planned for next year. Also, for the first time – the Twisters are going to try to have a dinner in South Texas for the winter Texans. The Littles will be the point of contact – so if you are going south, stay in contact, and meet for a nice dinner with friends. If it works out – we may even be able to be there.**

If you have trouble with this e-mail, please let me know. I will do whatever is necessary to help with our communications.

We have members that have not paid their **2004** dues that will be notified by separate letter. Our By-Laws require us to list them delinquent as of November 1<sup>st</sup> and then we are required to drop them from the roles 60 days later (January 1<sup>st</sup>). We do not want to start out the New Year with the loss of any members. Several decided that they do not want to renew for 2004. If anyone needs to pay dues, send them to **The Treasurer:**

Shirley Hogoboom

Have a wonderful fall, an even better Holiday Season and join us for all the great rallies planned for next year.

Joe & Nancy Wright

**9/30/03 Guthrie Rally**

**It's almost time to go to our last Rally for this year that will be held in Guthrie, OK!**

**If you**

**haven't sent Bill Speer your RSVP, please call him at 785-762-1837 or email at him.**

**The**

**Rally fee is \$45 per couple or \$40 per single pays for two nights camping, two breakfasts and the party room. Also bring books, movies and tapes for the entertainment swap on**

## **Friday night.**

### **FMCA Dues**

The article by Don Eversmann, "A Membership Dues Increase?" is very interesting reading in the October FMCA magazine. "If the dues increase is approved by the Governing Board in November, there will be an opportunity for you, the members, to purchase advance years at the old multiple-year rates to delay the impact of this dues increase. The one year renewal dues would immediately increase on January 1, 2004 to \$35, and the new first-year member rate would increase to \$45. However, from January 1 through March 31, 2004, members would be permitted to purchase advance years at the old discounted rate schedule of two years for \$47.50, three years for \$67.50, and five years for \$100."

**This a great deal, and if you think the \$10. increase is too much, please read the article beginning on page 161 "MEDEX Comes Through".**

### **Kansas Twister Dues**

**While we are discussing great deals, your Twister dues are due October 1. If you have not already paid them, please send your \$10. check to Shirley Hogoboom.**

**The Rally schedule for 2004 is set up. I will send you a copy so you can enter the Twister Rally dates on your 2004 calendar. Another reason to get your dues paid!**

### **Twister Election of Officers**

**The Nominating Committee reported the following Officer nominees at the Carthage, MO Rally: National Director, *Larry Schwart*, Alternate National Director, *Eldon Johnson*, President, *Joe Wright*, Vice President and Rally Master, *Herb Little*, Secretary, *Edith Leiker*, and Treasurer, *Shirley Hogoboom*.**

**I have received a notice from *Leta Morgan* our current National Director, that she will run for National Director as a write in candidate.**

**At the Guthrie Rally, we will ask for nominations from the floor for each office. The rules for a member nominating a candidate are the same as for the committee. A member should know if the person he or she wishes to nominate is both eligible and willing to serve. *Voting will be by paper ballot.***

**[www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)**

**Have you checked out our Web page lately? Bud Fair has given the page a new look, and it is great. Check it out!**

**Every Twister should have:**

***Twister Name Tags* --\$7.50 each or two for \$15.00**

**A set of 2 or 4 is better—*Twister Coffee mugs* (Dishwasher & Microwave Safe)**

**And only \$5.00 each, what a deal, check with any officer for your mugs.**

***Twister Shirt*, buy your shirt at Walmart, Kmart, etc and have Marilyn Kauffman sew your name and Kansas Twister on it.**

***CHAPTER MEMBER Attachment Coach Plates*-\$17.50 each**

**Bud Fair has Twister T Shirts and a few sweat shirts for sale.**

### **How Time Flies**

**It was in April 2001 that 20 some FMCA members met in Newton to discuss organizing a new FMCA Chapter in Kansas. We had 29 Charter Members and now we have grown to 96 unit members. All folks have to do is attend one of our Rallies and they are hooked. The Twister's are a great group from all walks of life, a variety of motorhomes, a variety of**

**ages, and on and on! But when we get together, we all have one thing in mind, a great time!**

This note to the Kansas Twisters will be about the last of my duties as President before the Annual Elections at our Rally in Guthrie, Ok. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your President and working with the other Kansas Twister officers.

8/19/03

Although we did not have a volunteer host, the weekend Rally at Harvey County East was a great success. The weather was warm, but bearable, very little wind and a great group of Twisters. Fourteen units and two drive ins were on hand, plus we welcome Bill & LaVeta Wass and Donald & Dorothy Burrow as new Twisters from Parsons, KS. We now have 92 unit members in the Twisters! Sunday morning, the Speer's served us biscuits and gravy. We all unanimously agreed that they should serve it at the October Rally in Guthrie, OK.

### September Rally

The Joe Wright's and Herb Little's have a lot lined up for us in Carthage, MO., September 5, 6, & 7. I hope that you have already called in your RSVP, but if you haven't, do so now! You'll have a great weekend. Need to review the Rally info, go to our web site [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) and you will find all the information on this Rally plus.

### Free Newsletter for Travelers

Roundabout Publications is pleased to announce the launch of *Road Notes*, a free

e-mail newsletter on traveling in America. Released the first Saturday of every month, *Road Notes* covers such topics as Touring America, Discover Your Public Lands, Exploring State Parks, Gadgets and Gismos, and much more. You can read the current issue online or subscribe to automatically receive the free e-mail newsletter every month by visiting [www.RoadNotes.com](http://www.RoadNotes.com).

### Free Service for RVers

Many times RVers find themselves on the road with nearly full holding tanks and a need to empty them. Now there's a new web site devoted to RVers in search of a public dump station. At [www.RVdumps.com](http://www.RVdumps.com), RVers will find more than 1,200 locations across the United States where this service is available and this web site service is for free.

### Flower and Card Fund

If you or someone you know is ill, or has surgery and is hospitalized, please contact Jan Erickson so she can send flowers or a card to the individual. You can e-mail her or call. If you have been ill and were missed, it was because Jan was not informed.

### Six-State Rally

The 30th Six-State will be held September 29 thru October 2, 2003 in Wichita Falls, Texas. The "Waltz Across Texas" 30th Anniversary Six-State Rally will be a great one. There are Registration Forms in the FMCA magazine, or you can register on line at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com). If you plan to attend, please let me know. Some have indicated that they would like to caravan to Wichita Falls. I think, if you go in together, you will be parked together.

### Dues for 2004

Unless you joined the Twisters after July 1, 2003, your Twister dues (\$10.00) are due on or before October 1, 2003 for the 2004 Rally season. Please send your

check to our Treasurer, Shirley Hogoboom before October 1. Thank you!  
7/31/03 Sorry about the long time that it took to download the last message that I sent to you about the September Rally. And some of you lucky folks received it twice!

I don't know why that happened.

I think that I did figure out why the download took sooooo long though. In Joe's attachment, I changed a date from 2002 to 2003 and when I saved it, I received this message "Word Pad cannot save this document in its current format. The document will be converted to Rich Text format. Sooooo I changed it to Rich Text and you now know the rest of the story. Some of your mail boxes were full so I sent it to you without the map and pictures.

We are trying to get the Air Conditioned shelter for the Harvey County East Rally next week.

See you there!

RHV

5/24/03

FMCA's Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates recommended for national office for the 2003-2004 term. If you are not going to attend the Kansas Twister business meeting on Friday Morning, June 13th at Pineville, MO., please send your choices from this list to one of the Twister Officers. We will have a vote at the business meeting and the National candidates that get the most votes will be communicated to the Kansas Twister National Director, Leta Morgan who plans to attend the meetings and the convention in Buffalo.

#### **FMCA 2003 OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

**Candidate for National President: R. G. Wilson Jim Ammenheuser |**

**Candidate for National Senior VP: Donald E. Moore Donald H. Crawford**

**Candidate for National Secretary: Ginger Painter Mary Lawler**

**Candidate for National Treasurer: Connie Pool Judith (Judy) Czarsty**

#### **Kansas Twisters Chapter FMCA**

#### **May 2003**

##### **May Rally**

We did have a wonderful time at the May Rally in Eureka at the Horse Races. Hogoboom's had four horses in the races on Saturday. After betting on the first three horses that lost their races, it was great to end the day with a First place win in the last race of the day. Yes, we did get our picture in the Winners Circle again this year with Albert & Shirley's horse.

##### **Flower Fund**

Our group brought quite a variety of items for the Flower & Card Fund auction. Dick Hadsall and Walt Bennett did a fine job of auctioneering and the fund was increased by \$375.00 from the items sold.

##### **June Rally**

The host's have a variety of activities available for the Pinveville Rally June 9th thru the 15th. The time is extended for this Rally because there is so much to do in the area and the week camping fee is only \$80.00. We hope most of you can attend all or part of this exciting week!

## **Kansas Twister Nominating Committee**

We will be electing a nominating Committee for the Kansas Twisters at the business meeting July 13th in Pineville, Mo.

### **1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:**

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly by the Chapter membership.

B. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elected office.

### **2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:**

A. To select one of its members as Nominating Committee Chairman.

B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Offices of President, One Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and Alternate National Director for the new year to be presented for voting by the Chapter membership.

C. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.

D. To make certain that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable National and Chapter bylaws.

E. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies that occur in elected Chapter offices.

The annual election of Kansas Twister Officers will be at the October Rally in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

## **FMCA's 70th International Convention in Buffalo, New York (July 18th - 20th)**

FMCA's Nominating Committee has submitted it's slate of candidates recommended for national office for the 2003-2004 term. Balloting is restricted to National Directors and National Officers. We have asked all of our members to review the candidates' resumes beginning on page 70 of the May 2003 FMCA magazine. If you are not going to attend the Kansas Twister business meeting on Friday morning, June 13th at Pineville, Mo., please send a note to one of the Twister Officers and tell them who you want your vote cast for. We will have a vote at the business meeting and the National candidates that get the most votes will be communicated to the Kansas Twister National Director, Leta Morgan who plans to attend the meetings and the convention in Buffalo. Also in attendance, at the convention, will be Larry and Lea Schwart (they will be on the parking crew so we should get a very good spot). We also have ten other units that are going to caravan with us to the Buffalo Convention.

### **[www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)**

Have you checked out our web site lately? Bud has a lot of information on the site. Check it out!!

### **Quote**

Will Rogers had some great quotes-----

1. Always drink upstream from the herd.

2. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman---neither works.

3. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.....The moral...When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

**See you in Pineville!!!!!!!!!!**

RHV

4/15/03

Dear Twisters,

We enjoyed a wonderful weekend at the Kansas State Fairgrounds last weekend. Talk about perfect weather! The Mennonite Auctions and food sales were well attended by our group of 38 units plus 5 unit guests. Between the Mennonite activities and the Kansas Cosmosphere everyone had a great weekend. We have grown to 88 unit members now. We welcome the following new members:

Elmer & Rhoda Denning, John & Nancy Grang, Bob & Barbara McCurdy, Dean & Loleta Staver, Bob & Rochelle Stith,

Our flower and card fund is running low on funds, so we will have another fund raising auction at the May Rally at Eureka Downs.

You should have this information in another e-mail.

Our new Hospitality Chairperson for 2003 is Jan Erickson. If you will notify her of any illness or deaths, she will see to it that a card or flower is sent.

12//13/02

Shirley was admitted to the Susan B. Allan hospital this morning. The intent was to do exploratory surgery - and if they found the problem, to take care of it. She went in to surgery around 1:00 PM. They found that she had adhesions around her bowels. They are, at this moment, removing the restrictions. **As far as they can tell they will not have to remove a portion of the bowel.** Her recovery may prevent us from, leaving on are January trip to the Southwest - her complete recovery is much more important than a few weeks basking in the warm sun. However I may change my mind if we get anymore big snow fall between now and then.

God Bless

SHIRLEY - UPDATE No. #1

Albert just came in tonight and said that Shirley was in her room Number 313. He said that the procedure went well, and that she would be in the hospital for three to four days.

**Bea and I wish all our FMCA family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Year.**

Updates will follow as Shirley progress's

God Bless

Dick and Bea

12/12/02

## ***A Blessed Christmas To All***

**Sorry when I retyped the luncheon notice I left off Newton, KS.**

***With your RSVP, please advise us of your choice of meal; so I am able to have the correct meal for each person.***

***1. Sweet & Sour Chicken (in sauce with fruit)***

***2. Ham Steak (with cherry sauce)***

***3. Baked Steak (in mushroom gravy)***

*Thank you, L. Schwart*

*For all of you that are already gone south or will be leaving, have a safe and happy holiday where ever you are. We will miss you at the luncheon and you'll miss a very good lunch.*

### **Hutchinson FMCA 68th Motorhome Extravaganza**

What a great week in Hutchinson at the Extravaganza. We were represented by 43 of our member units plus 3 of our members were there without there motorhomes. We had a great time at the short notice potluck dinner (we never have a shortage of food at these dinners) and enjoyed meeting several of our members who had never been to one of our rallies this year. The Speer's served wine and cheese at an open house at their beautiful new motorhome. Look forward to this kind of treatment at the next rally, six of our members purchased new motorhomes at the Hutchinson Extravaganza.

Mother Nature showed her hand and gave all of us and our FMCA family visitors an opportunity to enjoy the warm sun, gentle breezes, cool nights, clouds, some showers and a general treat of the Kansas fall weather.

We didn't let Mother Nature get the best of us and enjoyed the exhibits, seminars and entertainment. Forty-Six, (46) of our member units volunteered at either the Coffee Hour, Merchandise Booth or Trams during the Rally. We owe them a big THANK YOU!

### **Membership**

When we left for the Hutchinson Extravaganza, we had 82 member units! (Remember we started in April 2001 with 20 member units). At the Hutchinson Extravaganza, we had six (6) more family units join us bringing our total to eighty-eight (88) family units!! We have lost the following members to date:

Robert Adams & Anna Stetzer Sold motorhome

Bill & Barbara DeBey Motorhome destroyed by fire

Bryce & Carol Hayes Sold Motorhome & bought a yacht

B. J. & Ima Kinkaid Sold Motorhome

We don't want to lose you so, if you haven't paid your 2003 dues and joined before July 1, 2002, please send your \$10.00 to Shirley Hogoboom, our Treasurer.

### **Officers**

You re-elected your current officers except for Chapter Secretary. We welcome Edith Leiker who will take over as Secretary from Abby Murray. Abby has done a fantastic job with our Chapter minutes and is going to help Edith get started. Abby will be undergoing some serious major surgery on the 17th of October, so keep her in your prayers.

### **2003 Rallies**

The August 8, 9, & 10th Rally at the Harvey County East Campground (East of Newton, KS) needs hosts. Please get a friend or one of your new Twister friends and volunteer to be a host. Call our Rally Master & VP, Larry Schwart for any further information that you may need. Just keep it simple and fun!!! We will send out the 2003 Rally schedule to everyone that has paid their dues in the near future.

10/6/02 Dear Twister Volunteers,

Saying "Thank you" to such a great group of people seems very inadequate to say the least. Carol and I received a very nice plaque for our part as Captains of the Coffee Hour Volunteers. The plaque should have read "Thank you Kansas Twisters".

Our other Captains, Phil & Marilyn Kauffman and Albert & Shirley Hogoboom, did a great job taking care of the Merchandise Booth and the Trams as well as helped me with Coffee Hour. I was impressed every morning when you all showed up to do your part at the Coffee Hour and some of you also worked at the Merchandise Booth and rode the Trams the same day.

One of our couples worked Coffee Hour in the morning and that evening from 6 to 10 p.m. rode the Trams, another new member handed me his application to join the Twisters and 20 minutes later was a volunteer on the Trams. We have many stories of your willingness to help out and do more than your part to make our FMCA family members visit to Kansas a great and memorable experience.

We are very proud to be associated with such a Great Group as the Kansas Twisters!

Sincerely,

Richard & Carol Vester

9/22/02 Twister Volunteers,

If you plan to meet me at K Mart (30th & Lorraine) ready to leave at 2 p.m. on September 27th to caravan to the Fair Grounds, would you let me know so I can get an idea of how many to expect. Also, coffee hour volunteers should have a battery or manual operated alarm clock to awaken them so they can arrive at their post early on Oct. 1, 2, & 3.

Thanks,

RHV

Kansas Twister Volunteers,

Caravan to the Fair Grounds:

If you want to caravan and park with the Kansas Twister Volunteers, please be at the K Mart parking lot **east** side behind the Kwik Shop (30th & Lorraine) and ready to leave by 2 P.M. on Friday, September 27th. You need to review the information that you received from National and display the appropriate parking information card in your windshield. I will issue the Kansas Twister sheets ( 1 of 15, 2 of 15, etc.) at the K Mart lot. If you cannot arrive to park with us on the 27th, as long as you arrive by 12:00 noon on the 29th (Sunday), you will be parked in the volunteer lot. Since this preferred parking area is reserved for volunteers, only those assigned a tour of duty will be furnished with the appropriate credentials to be parked in this area. Parking spaces will not be reserved in the volunteer lot after 12:00 noon on Sunday, September 29th.

Sunday evening September 29th

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be a casual get together and appreciation ceremony with food provided by FMCA for all volunteers. This will be held in 4H Exhibits, Seminar 4 shown on your map.

Coffee Hour Volunteers (Oct. 1, 2, & 3)

Donuts will be delivered each morning at 5:30 a.m. and the catering service will have the coffee delivered by 6:15 a.m. at the Coffee Hour Tent each day. (That is the Farm Bureau Arena according to the map we received, unless we find out otherwise.) Serving begins at 7:00 a.m.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

We will be asked to stand during a brief Volunteer Recognition Ceremony to be

held prior to the evening entertainment on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pepsi Grandstand. Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. to be seated. Any seats unclaimed by 6:45 p.m. will be offered to family members attending evening entertainment.

**KANSAS TWISTERS BALLOT FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the upcoming year. All of the listed candidates have acknowledge their acceptance for office.

- PRESIDENT: Richard Vester**
- VICE PRESIDENT: Larry Schwart**
- SECRETARY: Edith Leiker**
- TREASURER: Shirley Hogoboom**
- NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Leta Morgan**

**ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Walter Bennett**

NOTES: The Chapter has established that voting will be - One vote for each adult family member.

All nominated candidates must be members in good standing and qualified under applicable National and Chapter bylaws.

All ballot's must be returned by - Wednesday, September 18. Please return ballot's to the Nominating Chairperson - **Shirley Hogoboom.**

Please enter your candidate(s) for office(s) in the space(s) provided below. Enter an X under YES NO if they have been approached and have accepted the nomination.

**YES**

**NO**

**PRESIDENT: -----**

**VICE PRESIDENT: -----**

**SECRETARY: -----**

**TREASURER: -----**

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR: -----**

**ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR: -----**

Official Kansas Twisters FMCA chapter, ballot.

8/02

**9/2/02**

**Dear Twister Hutchinson Volunteers,**

**I received my volunteer packet from FMCA with my volunteer ribbons etc. in Saturday's mail.**

**I hope you did also. The attachment is a list of the Volunteer Assignments that may not agree with the back of the letter you received from Jerry Yeatts. Please use the attached list as your assignment.**

**If you have questions, please check with your Captains. We will discuss where & when we are going to meet to go into the Fair grounds on the 27th of September at the Grove, OK Rally this weekend. Your letter stated that if you want to Park with the Kansas Twister Volunteers, you have to go in together!!**

**Getting us all lined up (about 44 motorhomes) at one time is probably not feasible. I'm thinking of setting 2 times to meet on the 27th to go in and who ever is there will park together. We'll get some suggestions this weekend.**

**8/14/02**

**Twisters,**

We had a great Rally at the lake at Council Grove with 25 units in attendance. The weather was near perfect and we enjoyed the tour of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, shopping, visiting, and eating. We welcome new member Norma Robbins #79!

Our nominating committee (Shirley Hogoboom, Chairman; Walter Bennett; Dick Hadsall; Ken Claycamp; and Bob Morgan met on July 25th to discuss the nomination of our officers for 2003. The offices to be filled are: President, Vice President & Rally Master, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director. If you are interested in any of these positions, or know of someone that the committee should visit with, please let Shirley know so she can bring it to the committee. We will have nominations from the committee and from the floor at the September Rally! Ballots will be emailed to those of us with email and snail mailed to those who don't to be returned to Shirley and the Counting Committee, Walter Bennett, Dick Hadsall, Ken Claycamp, and Bob Morgan with the new officers to be installed at the October FMCA International Extravaganza in Hutchinson, October 1-3.

**September Rally: This info has already been sent to you or it is also posted on the Twisters Website [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) . The hosts need to have your RSVP by August 16th!!!!**

If you are receiving this info and know of someone with out email, please call them and read it to them.

Thanks,

RHV

P. S. More info later for the volunteers at Hutchinson. See you in Grove in September!

7/24/02

Twister Volunteers:

We will be sending your name in to FMCA by August 1, 2002 so that you will receive the volunteer packet and parking instructions.

**All volunteers must pre-register for this event. If you have not registered please register ASAP either by email or telephone or mail in the registration form.**

Your assignments etc. will follow as soon as we get everything completed....

By the way, we were asked to have 20 people for the Trams, and we said OK.

With this additional opportunity for your chapter, we will have a total of 82

Kansas Twister Volunteers. That should say something about what a great group of people we have as members.

Thank you Twisters!!!

RHV

7/22/02

Dear Twister Hutchinson Volunteers:

If you are receiving this email, we are planning on you to be on duty as a Kansas Twister Volunteer at the Hutchinson FMCA Extravaganza October 1-3, 2002. Some of the volunteers will report on September 27th.

You will either be assigned as a Coffee Hour Volunteer or a Merchandise Booth Volunteer.

**If you have changed your mind or can not make it please RSVP ASAP!**

**Thank you for your help!!!!!!**

**Richard**

**More Info will follow Soon!!!!!!**

**6/18/02**

**Kansas Twisters:**

**We returned yesterday from a great rally at Osceola, Iowa at the Lakeside Resort & Casino. We had almost perfect weather, a little wind out of the north, but cool.**

**We enjoyed our visit to John Wayne's birthplace and the Bridges of Madison County. The group had lunch together at "Cooking from the Heart", in Winterset. Most of the group went on the "Early morning Cruise" on Sunday morning.**

**We also had some winners in the group that included 22 units, 39 members and 6 or 8 guests.**

**We have two new members bringing our total to 72 unit members as of today and a couple pending.**

**We welcome: Don & Punky Hildenbrand, Don & Oma Hearlson.**

**Have you checked out the Web Site yet? [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net) The July and September Rally schedules are there and August will be up soon. Keep an eye on our Web Site.**

**If you have ever had a problem with your awning due to wind while traveling, check out [www.awningsaver.com](http://www.awningsaver.com) or call 1-817-312-6911 for the information. I purchased one in February and the peace of mind is great! (I realize that we are supposed to stop if it is windy, however if we did that we would never get to go anywhere.)**

**I have available the FMCA Kansas Twister Attachment Plates for Chapter Members. The price is \$17.50 each or two for \$35.00.**

**Have a great time at the July Rally and we will see you at the August Rally.**

**RHV**

**To: Kansas Twisters going to Osceola, IA 6-5-02**

**It looks like we are going to have a great group going to the Lakeside Casino Resort in Osceola, IA., June 14-16th.**

**We have 22 units that RSVP. If you are getting this message, we are expecting you to be there.**

**Loretta Marlowe offered to let us stay overnight at her acreage in Linwood, KS either going or coming back from the Rally. If you plan to do so, please contact Loretta. I am enclosing maps for those of you that are getting this by land mail. Maybe Loretta can email anyone else that might need a map.**

**Bring your cash and good luck!!!!**

**RHV**

**June 2002**

**Kansas Twisters**

**Several of you have asked about filling out the reservation form for the FMCA 68th Premier International Motorhome Extravaganza in Hutchinson on October 1, 2, & 3, 2002. I was told that we should just register as we would normally do and "volunteers" should be parked together and "if" you go in together you would be parked together.**

With the above in mind, I am sending my Registration Form in with all the "normal" information on it plus, I am inserting just below (Check Preference) **Coffee Hour/Merchandise Booth Volunteer "Kansas Twisters"**. This should not harm anything and we will see if it makes any difference.

We (Merchandise Chairman and Coffee Chairman) have not been contacted yet about our duties at our respective stations. As soon as we know something, we can tell those of you that have volunteered.

I anticipate that we will caravan in together as "Volunteers of Kansas Twisters" and be parked together.

Those folks who are not able to volunteer at this time will park together as the "Kansas Twisters" if they go in together. However, the Registration Form indicates that families must arrive at the convention site on the date stated on their "date of entry" credentials.

Are you as confused as I am now? I'm sure that we can adjust to what ever they give us and enjoy the fellowship and the convention.

We had a great Rally at Eureka in May with our host's horse winning the Third Race and us some money. It was a great weekend and our host's royally entertained us.

Next week we are heading for the Kansas Twister Rally in Osceola, Iowa. We anticipate that we will have wonderful weather and hope that those who participate in the activities of the facility will leave with more funds than they started with.

The July Rally information has been sent to you and you need to send in your reservation ASAP.

RHV

5/2/02

Twisters!

Today is May 2nd, have you sent Shirley your RSVP for the May Rally in order to get your "Free" Reserved Club House Seating? Only four days until May 6th!

Have you checked out our web-page? Go to [www.kansastwisters.net](http://www.kansastwisters.net)

RHV

**Kansas Twisters Chapter FMCA**

April 2002 **Abilene Rally**

If you missed our Rally in Abilene, you missed a great time. We had nearly perfect weather, 38 unit members, 75 people and lots to do. We had a delicious finger food pot luck on Thursday evening, donuts, juice and coffee each morning, a bountiful pot luck Friday evening where several door prizes were given in a drawing, Saturday evening delicious Brookville Hotel fried chicken and all the trimmings and then a white elephant auction to raise money for the card and flower fund. Rallies are no time to be on a diet! Several visited the Seeley mansion, the Eisenhower Museum and of course Russell Stover Candy factory.

**Membership**

Our membership has grown from 20 unit members in April 2001 to 69 unit members as of April 13th! We enjoyed meeting several of our newest members in Abilene and even

signed up 4 at the Rally.

### **Profile Directory**

Loretta Marlowe has been working diligently getting the Profile Directory book and CD-R put together since January. We sold 20 directories and several CD-R's at Abilene.

These directories have all of our profiles with our pictures in them. Those of you that purchased the directories need to make some corrections – contact Loretta. Check with Loretta if you are interested in a CD-R or booklet. CD-R's are \$1.00 and the directories are currently \$12.00 each. Additions will be \$.15 per page and CD-R's will be exchanged to give you the updated information. If you have questions, call or email Loretta.

### **Flower and Card Fund**

We had a white elephant auction at the Abilene Rally to raise money for a flower and card fund.

If you know a Kansas Twister that is ill or in the hospital, please call or email Sharon Ailsieger. If you don't get a card or flower, it is because Sharon was not notified of your circumstances.

### **Medex**

I have mentioned several times about the importance of the Medex Plus Program that is a free benefit of belonging to FMCA. The January FMCA magazine on page 209 has the article that explains the benefits of this great program. Please cut out the Medex Cards in the **February** issue on **page 21**. You can have these laminated to carry in your wallets. No card, no benefit!

### **May Rally**

Please note on the Revised Kansas Twister Rally schedule that the dates for the May Rally have **changed**. The new dates are **May 17, 18, & 19th** at Eureka, Kansas. Our group has grown so much that we could not get everyone in on the opening weekend along with the regular horse race fans.

### **2003 Rallies**

Larry Schwart, our Vice President and Rally Master, is booking our 2003 Rallies now. Because of the rapid growth of our Chapter, it is even more important for him to book early. Will you help Larry out? Get a Twister friend or 2 or 3 and plan a Rally in your area or at some other city, lake or campground that will handle 30 to 50 units. We want you to keep it as simple and fun as you can. If the group is large, we can visit interesting sites on our own rather than all of us together. It will work and you will have a great time planning and working with the great group of members that we have.

### **FMCA 68th Extravaganza in Hutchinson**

Many of you have answered my call for help at the Hutchinson Convention in October. We have had some changes in our assignment. We still will have the FMCA Merchandise Booth and now have the opportunity to serve the morning coffee each day (3) from 6 A.M. to 9 A.M. and will require 30 volunteers per day. I think that we can handle this, since it will be a great opportunity to meet a lot of FMCAer's from all over the country. So we have to get up a little early, it is only for 3 days! RHV

1-30-02 Dear Twisters:

Our Chapter has volunteered to work at the FMCA Merchandise Booth during the FMCA International Convention in Hutchinson, Kansas October 1-3, 2002.

Our chapter has grown to 56 member units to date and several of you have told me that

you want to help at the October convention.

We are considering adding Non-Technical Seminars to our assignment which will take about 30 more people.

Please let me know, ASAP **if you will volunteer**, even though you may have already told me in the past. As volunteers, we will all probably park together **if** we go in together. The Kansas State Fair Grounds will only have 300 full hook-ups, so we will **probably** dry camp. We just do not know at this time. Full hook-ups will also probably cost more when you register.

We don't want anyone to have to work the whole convention so our decision on the new assignment will depend on the response that I get from this note to you.

Richard

**Kansas Twisters FMCA**

January 2002

Dear Twisters:

For those of you who are in the South basking in the sun, we are enjoying sunny days with gentle northern or southern breezes and no snow so far, but we would gladly welcome any kind of moisture.

We had 20 member couples and 2 guest couples at our after Holiday lunch in Yoder on January 12th. One of the guest couples is now a member of the Twisters. Speaking of members, we now have 53 paid unit members at this writing. We are definitely a growing group and this year should prove to be a lot of fun.

David and Loretta Marlowe are working on our member profile book. Our plan at this time, is to make copies of everyone's profile and picture on CD's for everyone with computers and hard copies for those of you who don't. We haven't determined what the charge, if any, will be for your copy. With that in mind, Loretta needs your profile and a picture of you in front of your motor home for our records. If Loretta contacts you for information or a picture, please help her out and respond ASAP.

We all received our Annual FMCA Membership Directory in January. I would like to ask you to review the Member Benefits and check out page 209 for the MEDEX program and benefit cards, what a great deal that is included in our dues!

With this note to you members, I am also going to attach the following:

1. List of current members
2. Chapter Bylaws
3. Rally Dates for 2002

Please note on the Rallies, Larry Schwart needs help for the August Rally. We have 53 Unit members now and only **8** have volunteered to be a host. Hosts are asked to just keep it simple and fun!! Think about it, get another member and help Larry out in August.

We hope that you are all well or getting your good health back, get everything repaired or patched up so you can join us at our 2002 Rallies. April will be here before we know it and our hosts are getting the plans finalized for a great time.

Richard

1-8-02 Dear Twisters:

The response to our after Holiday Lunch has been overwhelming!

I contacted the Hostess at the Carriage Crossing and she will **try** to seat us together **but**

**no** guarantee. We should have about 40 people there, so if you can arrive **early** it should be helpful for the seating arrangement. Also, we will have some of our new members there, so wear a nametag if at all possible. Looking forward to seeing everyone Saturday at: Carriage Crossing Restaurant (Yoder, KS)

11:30 AM (Please arrive **early**) Richard

Richard Vester wrote 1-3-02:

Dear Twisters: I am sending this note to all Kansas Twisters. I originally sent this only to those of you that replied to my last letter and asked that you contact me if you were interested in getting together after the holidays. When: January 12, 2002 Where: Carriage Crossing Hwy 96 & Yoder Rd. Yoder, Kansas Time: 11:30 AM **Please RSVP if you plan to attend.** I did not intentionally leave anyone out. Have a great day!  
Richard

October 2001

A great Fall Rally was held October 12-14 at Harvey County West Park. Our hosts, Larry and Lea Schwart ordered wonderful weather for the 17 units and 2 drive ins present. We enjoyed the surprise dinner and were entertained with crafts and games.

We now have 47 unit members and several interested in becoming members. The chapter just keeps getting better and better. I am enclosing a copy of the current membership. We are trying to find the most economical route to take to get a directory to our members. The cost of printing in color is quite high, so we are checking into other sources.

Several of you have asked about the MEDEX Plus Program that is provided automatically to FMCA Members since January 2001. The January 2001 Annual FMCA Membership Directory contains this information starting on page 198. This is a great benefit!

Since December is a very busy time of the year and getting a place to meet for lunch or dinner is almost impossible, we are strongly considering getting together for Holiday lunch on a Saturday in January. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know so I can contact you about where and when.

We have ordered 24 Chapter Attachment plates. These plates hold your FMCA goose egg and lets others know that you are a member of the Kansas Twister Chapter. These plates can be ordered for \$17.50 each or 2 for \$35.00. Let me know if you are interested.

Also, if you haven't already ordered a name tag and want one, please check with Abby. They are only \$7.50 each, a great buy.

Please mark your calendars for our Rally dates for 2002. These are the dated and places, more information will be available as the time draws nearer about each Rally.

April 12, 13, & 14, 2002 Abilene, Kansas

May 3, 4, & 5 Eureka, Kansas

June 14, 15, 16 Osceola, Iowa

July 12, 13, & 14 Pineville, Missouri

August 9, 10, & 11 Council Grove, Kansas

September 6, 7, & 8 Grove, Oklahoma

October 1, 2, & 3 FMCA National, Hutchinson, Kansas

We'll be in touch as more information becomes available.

Richard

**Dues are DUE. Please send your \$10.00 for 2002 dues to Shirley Hogoboom, Treasurer**

**Thank you, Richard**