



## *NEWSLETTER*

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# THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well I certainly hope that a good time was had by all. This was our last Rally for the year and believe it or not, the weather co-operated and it was bearable. We had a good turnout with around 20 coaches and Silver Creek tried to accommodate as they usually do. They had a tent that helped protect us from the wind and we all made it through it all.

Our meeting went well and we elected Lee Brink as Treasure, Nancy Juros as Secretary and Hal Wattles, Kathy Dixon and Helen Laufersky as the nominating committee. Also I would like to thank Ruth Wattles for the nice job she did as our Secretary.

Another event occurred when Bob Pollack retired as our 50/50 chairperson and a heart felt thank you goes out to Bob. He was replaced by Peggy Smith. If the September Rally was any indication of how she will do, we are in for a good time, Thanks Peggy for accepting the position.

Again, Gary Scholl has people in place for our Rally's in 2012, so it is time to think of filling the hosting slots for 2013. Gary would like a good turn out for the Glass Rally as it makes his job a lot easier if he has the people needed to assist in parking. If anyone who has not already signed up, would like to volunteer for next May we have to know by March of who we will have going.

On another request, the FMCA National rally is being held in Indianapolis this year and we have volunteered to help drive the handicap carts. We did this at Bowling Green a couple years back and all that attended had a great time. You can be one of those by letting me know you would like to participate. Need to know as soon as possible.

We had a motion made, seconded and approved that the president should have the name and pass word for our web site. We are working on a program and will have information put together and sent to all members.

Well this might be the last Rally for the season but as we left on our Caravan to Branson and I must say we had a great time. The weather was great and a hearty thank you goes out to Judy and Chuck Truxal and all the people who went on the Caravan. I'm sure there will be things to talk about at our Spring Rally and until then, have a great winter where ever you are and we'll see everyone at the Spring Rally.

Larry Phillips, President

### • NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Hi Guys, Tom says nothing for the news letter right now but wishes Happy Holidays to ALL and hope everyone is well.

Tom Spedding National Director

- **WAGONMASTER'S REPORT**

We have come to the end of another camping season with three great rallies and a fun filled caravan into the Ozarks. Judy Truxel did her usual great job running the caravan and I think everyone that went on it had a very good time, I know we did. Don't know what the future has in store but looking forward to the prospect of another caravan.

Our Fall rally was held at Silver Creek RV campground with hosts Judy & Chuck Truxel and Kathy & Larry Dixon and assisted by Pat & Tom Spedding, putting on quite a show including a ride in the sand dunes with the Jeeps.

The 2012 camping season begins with us returning to Hidden Ridge RV Resort in May, after which some of us will head down to Berrien Springs for the GLASS rally to help with the parking detail.

The Summer rally will be at a new campground in Ionia called Alice Springs Campground. Nan and I have checked it out and it seems like a very nice park. Hosts for this rally are Angel & Maggie Vendrel and Ron & Carol Walls

For the Fall rally, we will be returning to River Ridge RV Resort. It has been some time since we stayed at this very nice campground. Our hosts for this outing will be Ken & Sande Baas and Chuck & Angie Phillips

Nan and I will begin setting up the campgrounds for the 2013 camping season and will be needing hosts for the three rallies. Anyone interested in being a host, please let us know.

Gary & Nancy Scholl, Wagon Masters

- **CARAVAN**

Caravan for fall of 2012

Judy has not decided if she is willing to undertake all the hard work of planning another caravan. Hopefully she will but we all understand.

- **CLUB NEWS**

This past year has not been kind to some of our members with Howard Vanderlaan having a stroke. Betty says he is doing much better now but still has some lingering after effects. They plan to go to Florida this Winter.

Bob Laufersky had a heart attack, had a stent inserted, and they are now on their way to sunny Florida too.

Anyone that has not already signed up and would like to help us do the parking at GLASS in May, please contact me as soon as possible. This is good time for new members to get involved and lend

a much needed hand. We will leave immediately after the Spring rally and be down at the Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds until Memorial Day Monday.

Any and all members that would like to participate in the National FMCA convention in Indianapolis this August, contact Larry Phillips for more information and scheduling. Last time we helped at the National convention in Bowling Green, OH, we drove the handicap carts, met a lot of Rvers, saw a lot of vendors, and had a lot of fun. This is an outing you should not miss

Gary Scholl, Editor

## • MINUTES FROM LAST RALLY

Our meeting was called to order by our President Larry Phillips at 9 a.m. We had 20 coaches at this rally held at Silver Creek RV in Mears, MI September 16-18 2011.

Larry thanked the hosts- Judy and Chuck Truxel and Kathy and Larry Dixon for a fun weekend.

Vice President, Judy Truxel welcomed Lenard and Lois Clark from Munth, MI. They are friends of Peggy and Danny Smith.

The secretary's report was read by Ruth Wattles. Motion to accept the report as read was made by Bob Standley. Hal Wattles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Spedding, National Director gave his report of the FMCA Board National elections that he attended August 9 in Madison, WI.

The FMCA National Rallies will be as follows

Fall 2012 will be in Perry, GA. FMCA has acquired extra property so those folks with other types of RV vehicles can experience what a rally is about. Summer 2012 will be in Indianapolis, IN. Fall 2013 will be again in Perry, GA. The California rally was cancelled.

Suzie Brink, Alternate National Director also attended the Madison, WI rally.

Lee Brink, treasurer gave his report. He also talked of the standing rules revision. Ken Baas made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Helen Laufersky seconded his motion. Motion carried. Lee is collecting club dues through December 2011.

Wagon Master, Gary Scholl spoke of the 2012- 2013 club rallies. The three 2012 rallies are filled. He's working on campsites for 2013. He encouraged all of us to do our part in doing a rally. Gary wanted some feedback of those wanting to continue our working at GLASS.

Lee and Gary talked of their email test to all members who are using the internet. It wasn't very productive. Lee is doing an update of those at this rally by a print out of all members' information. They are hoping for better results.

Lee and Suzie Brink will be attending the Great Lakes Leadership Workshop with FMCA State and National staff in Cincinnati, OH this weekend.

Peggy Smith will be our new 50/50 chairperson. She is replacing Bob Pollack. Bob has been doing this since the club started. Thank you Bob!!!  
 Our club half of the 50/50 will go to our cancer charity.

Ruth has put the 2012 rally dates/locations in the FMCA magazine.

The nomination- of- officers are as follows: treasurer- Lee Brink, secretary- Nancy Juros, nominating committee- Hal Wattles, Kathy Dixon, and Helen Laufersky. Bob Pollack made a motion to elect the new officers. Bob Standley seconded the motion. It was carried.

The website was open for discussion to members. We added an edition to the standing rules as follows: "President shall have the ID and password for accessing the website for updates to keep the site current." Judy Truxel made a motion that this addition to the standing rules be applied. Sande Baas seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Ken Baas. Tom Ditmar seconded. Motion carried.

Ruth Wattles- secretary

p.s. Our thanks to Sande and Ken Baas for the new toaster. Thanks too to Angel and Maggy for the extension cords and multiple plugs.

Secretary Ruth Wattles

**• CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Club Account</b>	<b>Checking</b>		<b>2011 Caravan Account</b>	
Opening Balance 1/1/2011	\$1,192.22		Opening Balance 1/1/2011	\$1,100.00
Income 2011	\$3,986.88		Income 2011	\$5,722.70
Expense 2011	\$3,439.93		Expense 2011	\$6,822.70
Closing Balance 11/21/2011	\$1,739.17		Closing Balance 11/21/2011	\$0.00

**Sub-Accounts In the Club Account**

<b>2011 Rally Summary</b>	
Sunny Brook RV Resort - income	\$1,181.00
Sunny Brook RV Resort – Expenses	\$1,339.03
Net Spring Rally	-\$158.03

<b>2011 Charity Summary</b>	
Opening Balance 1/1/2011	\$0.00
Income 2011	\$194.00
Expense 2011	\$0.00
Closing Balance 11/21/2011	\$194.00

River Park Campground (Scottville) - Income	\$1,050.00
River Park Campground (Scottville) - deposit in 2010	\$500.00
River Park Campground (Scottville) - Expenses	\$620.46
Net Summer Rally	-\$70.46
Silver Creek RV Resort - Income	\$1,040.00
Silver Creek RV Resort -Expense	\$1,095.74
Net Fall Rally	-\$55.74

2012 Fall Rally – River Ridge RV Resort	
Income	0
Expense – deposit for 2012	\$200.00
Net Fall Rally 2012	-\$200.00
<b>Savings Account</b>	
Opening Balance 1/1/2011	\$4,002.30
Interest Income	\$1.65
Transfers In	\$500.00
Transfers Out	\$500.00
Closing Balance 11/21/2011	\$4,003.95

**All Accounts**

Opening Balance 1/1/2011	\$6,294.52
2011 Total Income	\$9,711.23
2011 Total Expense	\$10,262.63
Closing Balance 11/21/2011	\$5,743.12
Net Gain	-\$551.40

• **CLUB DUES**

Dues for the year of 2012 were due December 31, 2011, in the amount of \$10.00, payable to Lee Brink, Club Treasurer. Some of you have not taken care of this little detail, so if you would like to remain a member of our club, please do so as soon as possible.

Gary Scholl, Editor

• **NEW MEMBERS**

George (Skip) VerDuin and Linda Fisher of Grand Haven are our newest members. Make sure to offer a friendly handshake if you see new members. Please invite any friends with motorhomes to join our club. We need to keep our membership up to be able to have rallies and other club functions.

- **CLASSIFIED ADS**

- 2008 Newmar VTDP 3833 Ventana Diesel Pusher, Spartan Chassis, Cummins ISC 330hp, 39.5 foot, 4 slides, Comfort Steer, Washer and Dryer, 4 door refrigerator, Combo Dinette/Desk, Asking \$129,000. Call (616) 481-1707, Jim Kohls

Blue Ox Aventa II tow bar with a removable 2 bike carrier and steel cables - \$350.00  
Roadmaster RM9160 Air Braking System - \$400.00. Call (616) 481-1707, Jim Kohls

- **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SPRING RALLY – 2012**

**MAY 18, 19, & 20**

**HIDDEN RIDGE RV RESORT, Shelbyville, MI**

**Hosts: Tom & Pat Spedding and  
Hal & Ruth Wattles**

**SUMMER RALLY – 2012**

**JULY 20, 21, & 22**

**ALICE SPRINGS RV RESORT, Ionia, MI**

**Hosts: Angel & Maggie Vendrell and  
Ron & Carol Walls**

**FMCA National Convention – 2012**

**AUG. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30**

**Indianapolis, IN**

**Hosts: no hosts needed but need  
lots of attendees**

**FALL RALLY – 2012**

**SEPT. 21, 22, & 23**

**RIVER RIDGE RV RESORT, Stanwood, MI**

**Hosts: Chuck & Angie Phillips and  
Ken & Sande Baas**

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