

# RED RIVER ROVERS

# "Triple R" News



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## CHOCTAW CASINO KOA

The first rally of 2011 is now over..... what a wonderful time was had by all. The hosts, Grady Bass/Judy Lewis, Bruce and Sue Bartl, Curtis and Marva Buchhorn, and Ernie and LuAnn Marchisin fulfilled their planned duties exceptionally well for everyone there to have a marvelous time. They spent a lot of time in the kitchen preparing food that all enjoyed so much. The catered meal served on Saturday evening was so good that many there expressed they would like having those services again. Each container of food seemed different than what is usually served and the tastes of all were delicious.

Besides playing games in the club room in the evening, the hosts made it a come and go time for casino fun or what ever. Besides the hosts, other attendees were Bennetts, Daughtertys, Deckers, Elams, Gillilands, Guesses, Halls, Hamels, Holloways, Landrums, Longpres, Mabrys, McCollums, McGuires, Moores, Nelsons, Newbys, Walkers (Jim Bob and Pam) Watts. Tom and Judy Burroughs attended last November's rally and came again and joined as new members. Nick and Barbie Illies came as guests of Bartls on Friday evening and we are hopeful they will become members too.

The Choctaw hosts presented information of interest to the group about their School of Language's Community Program, which was headed by Roger Scott. He and three ladies sang some religious hymns in their native tongue. The second song was one this writer recalls

singing the tune but in checking the hymn books I have, cannot come up with all the words or title..... It's something like "He loves me...He loves me....He loves me this I know. He gave himself to die for me, because he loved me so."

Another person who gave several comments about the native culture was DeAnna Moore, who is the Director's Assistant, and she explained a Choctaw game of stick ball. She showed the two wooden paddle-like holders for the ball that was made from leather string-like material. She explained the longer paddle was for the men and the shorter one for women and both could play. She wore a beautifully colored dress and explained the special stitched parts of it. She also explained the Choctaw alphabet has nine less letters in it than the English and differences in letter sounds. Much more of interest was presented and a lot was pretty much a duplication of things we learned there last year. All the Choctaws there were so pleasant and glad we had come. The tribe does a lot to educate their children in both English and the language of their native culture.

*Grace G*

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## APRIL HOST COMMITTEE



L to R: Ernie and LuAnn Marchisin, Curtis and Marva Buchhorn, Sue and Bruce Bartl, and Judy Lewis and Grady Bass.

## APRIL RALLY

Make your plans today to attend next month's rally at the Texas Motor Speedway. Remember that the date of the April Rally has been changed from April 21 - 24 to April 14 - 17. Initially, there was a possibility the racing schedule would conflict with the week before Easter. When the racing schedule was set it let us move up the rally to avoid the holiday weekend. This also allows us to be on site the same week the driving school is being conducted.



The host committee has some great plans that include a tour of some of the track facilities and an option to enroll in the driving school. Those who attend will also have the opportunity to visit the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in North Fort Worth on Friday.

Please note, to secure the speedway facility the contract had to be made for three nights for each coach. When registering all checks will be for the \$97.50 parking fee and \$20.00 rally fee (two persons). An optional oriental buffet is planned at a nearby restaurant for the evening meal at a cost of \$11.00 each person.

Each individual member will be given a voucher for \$5.00 to be used toward the off-site breakfast on Saturday morning.

## A NOTE OF INTEREST

In the Sunday service at the rally, there was mention of baptizing someone in the Choctaw RV Park's pool. For the sake of new members learning history, this happened at the first Red River Rover organizational meet-

## RALLY VOUCHERS

The chapter, at its March business meeting, took two actions toward spending some of the money earned at the Six-State Rally in 2009. First, members whose dues were paid as of December 31, 2010, will receive a \$10.00 voucher (per person) to be used on the rally fee of their choice for any upcoming rally scheduled in 2011. Rally Registration Forms for the remaining 2011 rallies will have a place that can be marked (in lieu of money) to indicate that you want to use the voucher that month. The chapter Treasurer will keep a record of when a member has used their voucher for 2011.

Second, when you bring a visitor or potential new member, and they join, you will receive a \$20.00 credit (per coach) that can also be used toward the rally fee in the current calendar year.

Do remember that the chapter President has available free memberships in FMCA. (These are limited.) This certainly is good enticement for potential members who are now non-FMCA members.

*Continued—A Note of Interest*

ing.....there was a minister who lived at the park and had services each Sunday. He joined our chapter and invited all who would come to his service on Sunday morning. He baptized a person that day and those who attended the service witnessed the happening. Gary Mabry did a good job reading scriptures of the Bible on Sunday, March 13, 2011.

*Grace G*

## 2011 RALLY SCHEDULE

### March 10 -13

Choctaw Casino KOA  
Durant, OK.

### March 14 - 17

FMCA International Convention  
Perry GA

### April 14 - 17

Texas Motor Speedway  
Denton, TX.

### May 3 - 8

Guadalupe River RV Resort  
Kerrville, TX.

### June 9 - 12

Choctaw Co Historical Society  
Hugo, OK.

### August 10 - 13

FMCA International Convention  
Madison, Wisconsin

### September 22 - 25

Coyote Ranch Resort  
Wichita Falls, TX.

### September 28 - October 2

Six-State Area Rally  
Hutchinson, KS

### October 13 - 16

Choctaw Casino KOA  
Durant, OK.

### November 3 - 6

Canton Market Place  
Canton, TX.

### December 3

Christmas Luncheon TBA

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bryant and Bonnie Rowland

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jill Allen  
Donna Bennett  
Mike Bennett  
Joyce Daugherty  
Joyce Gregory  
Jim Guess  
Buddy Hilton  
Bill McGuire  
Erika Moore  
Pam Walker



## 10TH ANNIV. PARTY

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Red River Rovers will be in the month of June. This event will be celebrated at Hugo, Oklahoma June 9 - 12. Plan to attend as there are some "awesome" things being planned as a part of this special weekend. The city of Hugo, through its Chamber of Commerce, has arranged "guided" tours of locations in the area including the historic Frisco Depot Museum, the Harvey House Restaurant, and Ft Towson on Friday. Hugo Oklahoma is "Circus City USA, home to five world class circus troupes. Saturday after lunch we



will visit one of the largest elephant breeding facilities in the US and tour "Showman's Rest",



the final resting place of many of the great circus performers and 3 World Champion Cowboys. You won't want to miss this special rally.

*Your Hosts*

## D A AWARD

While in Weatherford at the November Rally, this member asked at the office where a good restaurant would be to get good cat fish. He was told to go West on the service road and he would find one. Some other couples were asked if they wanted to go too so there was more than one car in pursuit of the good place to eat. They traveled about four miles and decided they must have been told the wrong direction so they made a U-turn and headed East. After not finding the restaurant there, he finally stopped (not a man's thing to do) to ask where it was. Again, he was told to go West, which he did and finally came upon the cat fish restaurant....with no one in the parking lot and a sign in front that indicated they were open Thursday through Saturday. This happened to be Wednesday! The agreement was reached that they would come back the next day – Thursday – and took off to find something else.



With arrangements made with

several more couples that wanted to have cat fish all followed this member down the West side of I-20 service road knowing where they were going. When they got there and found there were no cars in the parking lot again, they read further on the sign which said "open on Thursday through Saturday – in operation 5:00 to 9:00 p.m." This trip was for lunch! Grace knows he reads just like he does everything else....FAST. Yes, Darrell....your first mistake for the D. A. this month.

In Beaumont the last of February, Darrell got sick and was rushed to the emergency room at the hospital. Surprisingly, he decided to drive home the next morning. The meeting there was finished and Steve Pickens offered to follow them home in case there was any more trouble. All the officers of SRA were at the Gilliland's coach to see that Darrell had recovered enough to drive. Steve was parked two spots over and he started his motor about the same time that Darrell turned his ignition key on. Since the warning buzzer was sounding, he attempted to increase the RPM to build up air pressure. Darrell got this frantic look on his face when the RPM did not increase..... and someone watching him let it him know that his coach did not start.....because that was Steve's motor running that he thought was his. It has been questioned if he is loosing his hearing....like he always says Grace is. Darrell has two faux pas in the same month's award time and the donkey didn't make it back to this rally to give it to him.



L to R: Jim McCollum, Pat McCollum, Curtis Buchhorn, Robert Landrum, Beth Elam, and Rita Landrum celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

*Gary M*

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**Register Today for the  
April Rally at the  
Texas Motor Speedway**

### President's Message

What a great first rally to start the 2011 season. Our hosts did a wonderful job preparing very delicious meals each day. Thanks to all of the host committee for your hard work.

Our nominating committee was elected at the morning business meeting. Thanks to each of you for accepting the responsibility to suggest a slate of officers for 2012. The committee will make its report to the chapter at the June rally.

Remember our April rally will be at the Texas Motor Speedway. Please get your registration to Curtis ASAP. An event like this does not occur often. We are inviting our neighbors, the Happy (OK) Wanderers racing fans, to join us. The infield could become one big party. See all of you at the race track.

*Jim*

## MARCH TECH SESSION

The subject of the March Tech Session was NOAA Weather Alert radios. Having one of these radios operating in your motorhome could save your life. The greatest danger from tornadoes and other dangerous natural and man made disasters comes when you are asleep and unaware of the danger approaching. The automated alert radios of the past had a high incidence of false alarms due to the lack of geographic specific alert activation. These false alarms caused people to stop using the older radios because they often would awake you for no good reason.

Although these radios were originally developed to warn of weather hazards they have now been adapted to issue warnings for many types of public safety dangers. They will warn of chemical, bio-hazard, radiological, terrorist attack, food or water contamination and just about any man made or natural danger you can imagine.

Modern All Alert radios use S.A.M.E. technology. This acronym stands for Specific Area Message Encoding. This system allows you to program the radio to only sound an alert when the warning, watch, or advisory is for your location. In an RV, this of course means you will have to reprogram the radio each time you move to a new location.

There are many different brands and models of these S.

A.M.E. radios. They can be found at many department stores and electronics stores. The most common brands are Midland and Oregon Scientific. Be sure that you buy a radio with the S.A.M.E. technology. Other important options are; battery backup, ability to block alert types that don't apply to your location (for instance if you are on a hill you would not need to hear flash flood warnings), external antenna jack (you can connect to your batwing antenna to increase the reception range when you are in a remote location), and state and county codes pre-programmed in the radio's memory (my searches only found one radio with this feature, the First Alert WX-200, which I bought online from Buy.com for \$50.52).

If the radio you buy doesn't have pre-programmed state and county codes, you will have to get the codes from the internet or by phone. The codes can be found here: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm> or by calling 888-NWS-SAME (888-697-7263) and responding by voice to the system prompts.

There is only one drawback to these radios, I have yet to find one that has an intuitive menu for programming, so don't lose the manual!

*Ron H*