

RED RIVER ROVERS

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JUNE RALLY REPORT by Dee Holloway

Happy Anniversary to us!

It's a good thing we were ready for a hot time at our Anniversary rally, because when we arrived at the Choctaw KOA it was an actual 91 degrees that felt like 99.

We are always excited to have our rally at Choctaw because it's a top notch facility. The commercial kitchen is great for the host team to use while preparing our meals. Our hosts for this rally were, Dennis and Erika Moore, Ernie and Lou Ann Marchisin, Gary and Kathy Mabry, Patrick and Kathy Duvall and Snoopy and Susan Campbell. We had 6 guests, Connie and Tuck's grandsons, Tucker and Colton, Dee Holloway's granddaughter, Angela Schweikert, a couple from Searcy, AR, Lee and Jo Phipps and Rick Sokol.

Most everybody arrived on Wednesday, eager to see each other and to learn what each one had done since the rally in Kerrville in May. We thought we were going to melt, while we were setting up, but soon awnings were up and chairs were out, ready for sharing news and good conversation. This is the greatest group of friends that anybody could have for sure. Dinner was on your own; some tried the restaurant at the casino, that's been renamed, "The Grand". Food was good, but the service was slow. There were others who drove back to Denison, TX for a dinner.

Thursday was just what the doctor ordered; it was very relaxing during the day. Some made a run into Durant for

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HOSTS



Back Row L to R: Ernie Marchisin, Gary Mabry, Pat Duvall, Dennis Moore, and Snoopy Campbell.
Front Row L to R: Kathy Mabry, LuAnn Marchisin, Kathy Duvall, Erika Moore, and Susan Campbell.

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shopping and found their way to the ice cream store. The casino called to others. Members gathered on Thursday evening for the social hour before dinner. At 6:00 pm we had a pot luck meal with everybody contributing something yummy. The Charter members were honored and seated at a beautifully decorated head table. A red, white, and blue theme was carried out on the member tables also. Charter members attending the rally were Norma Hamel, Gary and Kathy Mabry, Darrell Gilliland and Dee Holloway. The other charter members were either ill or were traveling and couldn't attend. Seventeen years ago we chartered with 22-24 coaches. Everyone was given a ticket for a door prize drawing with multiple gifts being given out. Poker and games filled the rest of the evening.

The club house had the most wonderful aroma when we arrived for Social Hour on Friday evening. Taste buds were watering, waiting to dive into a dinner of Italian Spaghetti with meat sauce, Garlic Bread, and salad. We were not disappointed, everything was delicious. Multiple desserts were placed on a table, including lemon pound cake and chocolate squares, which quickly disappeared. Happily, each night we have more people staying after dinner to play games and socialize.

Breakfast was served at 9:00 am on Saturday morning. We enjoyed freshly baked biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, juice and hot coffee. Our president, Bob Kriesman, called the business meeting to order. The nominating committee chairman gave a report listing nominees for 2019 officers. Darrell Gilliland informed us of some upcoming legislation on membership. After the meeting, we had free time during the afternoon

until the Social Hour.

The hosts outdid themselves on the anniversary dinner. Weiner Schnitzel, Gravy, Sinful Potatoes, Vegetable medley of broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower were served. The beautiful Anniversary cake was cut by Connie Tucker and served with ice cream by her grandsons, both boys wore patriotic beaded neckties. We hope that we have many more anniversaries to celebrate our friendship and travels. Horse racing was planned for our evening's entertainment. Next we went, off to the race track, to check out the horses. There was a lot of excitement, with those who bet cheering on their horses. After four races, the horses went back in their barns and we set up tables to play games.

We arrived at 8:30 am Sunday morning, to have breakfast of sweet rolls, juice and coffee. Wendell led a devotion about things God is responsible for; one of the things God is not responsible for is fear. Fear comes from the Devil, but God can erase your fears and give you confidence, if you ask him. After the devotion, the men took down the tables and put the chairs away. We hugged and said goodbye to each other. People were off to different destinations, some lucky ones were headed to cool Colorado. Another great rally came to an end.

Happy summer travels everyone!!

Dee Holloway

JUNE ATTENDEES

Steve & Melody Beall
 Don & Nancy Berry
 Ken & Barbara Blackberry
 Curtis & Marva Buchhorn
 Tom & Judy Burroughs
 Snoopy and Susan Campbell
 Wendell & Connie Carrington
 Bill Clyde
 Kenneth & Joyce Daugherty
 Rick & Yong Dennis
 Pat & Kathy Duvall
 Darrell Gilliland
 Keith & Jayne Grasso
 Jim & Maggie Grinstead
 June Guess
 Norma Hamel
 Carlton & Marion Helmick
 Mike & Donna Hillhouse
 Dee Holloway
 Bob & Ann Marie Kriesman
 Robert & Rita Rae Landrum
 Randy & Terri Lane
 Dan & Doris Lyons
 Gary & Kathy Mabry
 Ernie & LuAnn Marchisin
 Craig & Sharlot Matthews
 Bill & Hilda McGuire
 Dennis & Erika Moore
 Mike & Cynthia Moore
 *Lee & Jo Phipps
 Robert & Maureen Robinson
 *Angela Schweikert
 *Rick Sokol
 Tuck & Connie Tucker
 * Guest

Have a good summer!

JUNE D A AWARD

Well it seems no one is telling anything on spouses or on someone else.

Luckily for me this little bird came by, I think it was a mocking bird, and told me that a coach on the 3rd row has duct tape all over the side. Suspicious me, I took off walking and low and behold sure enough, there were signs right in the middle of their coach that obviously they had gotten to close to an unmovable object. Let's see, first the bay door was damaged, then the door to an appliance compartment was completely "Oklahoma chromed", then the bay door next to that was damaged. It's nice that the color of the Allegro Bus is gray, almost Duct Tape gray.

Don Berry, guess who gets to keep the D. A. trophy thru the summer months.

Gary Mabry



Gary Mabry presents Don Berry with the June DA Award.

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Melody Beall
 Don and Nancy Berry
 Snoopy & Susan Campbell
 Kenneth & Joyce Daugherty
 Randy & Terri Lane
 Tom & Sandy Woodling

Jim & Maggie Grinstead
 Craig and Sharlot Matthews
 Gordon and Peggy Moore
 John & Robina Sharpe

JULY/AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

James Adams
 Kenneth Blackshear
 Tom Burroughs
 Robert Furr
 Ben Graham
 Ann Kriesman
 LuAnn Marchisin
 Marge Roberts
 John Sharpe
 Peggy Weygandt

AUGUST



Steve Beall
 Keith Grasso
 Jim Grinstead
 Dee Holloway
 Rita Landrum
 Terri Lane
 Jim McCollum
 Peggy Moore
 Jerry Nelson
 Donya Poole
 Robina Sharpe
 Connie Tucker
 Sandy Woodling

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

IMPORTANT A proposal for a change to our chapter by-laws was submitted to the Bylaw Committee in April. The intent of the proposal is to open the chapter membership to some classes of pull type recreational vehicles. The proposed amendment is available on the document page of the chapter website.

As you know FMCA amended its bylaws in December 1997 to open membership to all classes of recreational vehicles. That vote to amend national bylaws is applicable to membership in FMCA, not to membership in chapters of FMCA. The decision for chapters to admit other type of recreational vehicles requires a change in the chapter bylaws. The amendment proposed for our chapter would open membership to two classes, Fifth Wheels and Conventional Type pull trailers. Excluded would be recreational vehicles classified as Sport Utility Trailers (Toy Haulers), Truck Campers and Folding Camping Trailers.

In its June Business Meeting the membership approved a procedure to conduct an election by email/mail to allow the entire membership the opportunity to express their wishes as to this change. Consider this newsletter article and/or the minutes of the June business meeting the 30 day notice of the election. The voting process will occur between the dates of July 16 and July 31, 2018.

Our chapter has three members who do not have email addresses and will be sent a mail ballot. All other members must vote via email. The ballot will be posted on the chapter website. Each eligible member may download the fill-able form, save it to the computer, check "yes" or "no", type your name and F number in the two boxes provided on the form. Save again to your computer. Attached the completed ballot to an email and send to:

Redriverrovers@yahoo.com.

Prior to the election process you will receive an email with another attachment to again inform members of the amendment and the voting process.

Bylaw Committee
Darrell Gilliland
Ann Kreisman
Connie Tucker



Left: Dee Holloway's granddaughter, Angela Schweikert was a June rally guest.



Horseracing, RRR Style



RED RIVER ROVERS
Business Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2018

President Bob called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Ann Kriesman reported that the minutes of the last meeting were circulated in the bulletin and she had received no additions or corrections. The minutes will be accepted for file.

Treasurer Rick Dennis gave the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$8,171.21. There was a debit of \$2,896.82 – Credit of \$2,696.00, leaving an ending balance of \$7,970.39. There were no outstanding checks. Petty Cash on hand was \$42.10. A refund was made of \$30.00, leaving a balance in the petty Cash of \$12.10. The treasurer's report was accepted for file.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Nominations for 2019

Nominating Committee. President Bob asked Darrell Gilliland, as head of the Nominating Committee for the nominations for the 2019 Executive Board.

President: June Guess

Vice president: Gary Mabry

2nd Vice President: Kathy Duvall

3rd Vice President: Dennis Moore

Secretary: Dee Holloway

Treasurer: Rick Dennis

National Director: Gary Marsh

Alternate National Director: Connie Tucker

Bylaws Committee –

Darrell Gilliland, as head of the Bylaw Committee reported that there was a motion presented for a Bylaw Change.

He explained 4 pages of paper, which will be published in the newsletter and sent by email or regular mail (to those that don't have email)

1: Letter explaining what will be done.

2: Rules to govern an email/mail voting process

3: The proposed Bylaw change:

Now: This chapter is open to FMCA members who own a Type A, B, or C motorhome.

Proposed: This chapter is open to FMCA members who own a Type A, B, or C motorhome and
Fifth Wheel or Conventional pull type travel trailer.

4: The Ballot.

Two voting members registered under the FMCA number can vote.

Darrell moved that the vote to amend the chapter bylaws to allow owners of Fifth Wheel and Conventional pull type trailers be conducted by email and mail. Coming from a committee, it needed no second. Motion passed

Darrell moved to adopt the published Rules to Govern an email/mail Voting Process as presented. Coming from a committee it needed no second. Motion passed.

There being no further business, President Bob Kriesman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kriesman

Ann Kriesman, Secretary 2018

PHOTOS

What a beautiful decorated cake served with ice cream Saturday evening to compliment the evening meal and the 17th Anniversary of the chapter



Thirty two coaches, Sixty four (64) members and guest, including a guest who happened to read in the FMCA magazine that we were having a chapter rally in Durant.

The hosts team did an outstanding job of providing meals and some after dinner entertainment to supplement the gaming at the casino.



Ladies and some young men enjoy the craft session which was to make a personalized water bottle name tag.



PHOTOS



Probably nothing more than a "tall tale".

Everyone likes to visit with one another.



The photo on the left is of the Host table. Of course, they eat last.

The food at this rally was outstanding, maybe even 5 stars.



Connie and Tuck Tucker rallied with their two grandsons who are visiting from Oregon.

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2018 RED RIVER ROVERS

MARCH 1 - 4
 Rusk KOA
 Rusk, TX
MARCH 15 - 18
97th International Conv.
Perry, GA
 APRIL 11 - 15
 Coyote Ranch RV Resort
 Wichita Falls, TX
 MAY 15 - 20
 Buckhorn Lake Resort
 Kerrville, TX
 JUNE 6 - 10
 Choctaw KOA RV Resort
 Durant, OK
JULY 18 - 21
98th International Conv
Gillette, WY
 SEPTEMBER 12 - 16
 Potawatomi Nation Tribal RV
 Shawnee, OK
SEPTEMBER 19 - 22
Six-State Area Rally
Shawnee, OK
 OCTOBER 10 - 14
 Bushman's RV Park
 Bullard, TX
 NOVEMBER 7 - 11
 Winstar Casino RV Park
 Thackerville, OK
 DECEMBER 1
 TBD

JULY/AUGUST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well it looks like we just put another, full filled, spring rally season behind us. Looking to the fall we will start our rallies in a new location, that being the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal RV Park in Shawnee Oklahoma. For many of you it will then be on to the 6 state rally in Shawnee Oklahoma.

May all your summer trips be safe and enjoyable.

Bob Kriesman



L to R: Kathy and Gary Mabry, Darrell Gilliland, Norma Hamel and Dee Holloway. Absent Charter Members: Grady Bass/Judy Lewis, Bill and Beth Elam, Billy and Jeannette Idell and Jim and Pat McCollum.