

# RED RIVER ROVERS

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## ANNIVERSARY RALLY

It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since the formation of the Red River Rovers chapter of FMCA. We have made so many friends and sadly have lost more than we would have dreamed possible. In looking at the past, we find there are still ten charter members who are still active in the chapter. The June rally that was just completed in Hugo, Oklahoma had six couples of those remaining charter members attending. Everyone takes great pride in the chapter accomplishments that have come about through the years. Our South Central Area Past National Vice President Fred Kennedy and his wife Lou attended the rally and Fred gave President Jim Guess the chapter's Ten Years Certificate.

Hugo Oklahoma was a great place to visit and learn of its history. The people of the town take pride in retaining what's been going on for so many years. The RV Park has 48 full hook-up spaces and a fenced-in metal building houses two kitchen areas plus plenty of space for tables and chairs. Saturday morning the Chamber made arrangements for a two-hour entertainment program that featured singers that had other commitments in the evening, thus making it impossible for a usual evening program. Performers included Stacy Pace as Patsy Cline and Bill Grant, a well-

known Bluegrass entertainer and song writer. A step daughter, Amy Patrick, sang with Mr. Grant giving a blend to the melodies. All are Hugo natives. Jeff Jones, another young man from Hugo also sang four songs that he has written. The townspeople are sending him off to college this fall with hopes he will continue his talent.

Across the street from the RV Park there is a building which was built in 1914 for housing the Frisco Railway Depot and Harvey House Restaurant. It still has the restaurant but the main use of the building is for a museum that shows so much from the past. The upstairs portion was used back in the early days for the young girls who were brought there from Pennsylvania. for working the restaurant. They were not allowed to leave the building and when work was finished they went straight up the stairs to their rooms. The two teenage girls with our group could not under-

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**RALLY HOSTS, L to R: Darrell and Grace Gilliland, Don and Gladys Longpre, Ron and Carol Hall, and June and Jim Guess**

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stand that! Of course, there's a lot more freedom now days.

The tours that were headed by Walter White were extraordinary. They included the elephant breeding farm, the cemetery housing the many circus people and rodeo champions, and the ruins of Ft. Towson and Doakville, a town that once had about 1300 people living there. It was interesting going to the locations through Hugo passing the many homes of people who are still involved with the circus companies that winter in Hugo.

Due to the warm weather in the Texas-Oklahoma area, many of our members had already gone to cooler places for the summer. That's the beauty of having a motor home – to take your home wherever you can be more comfortable. A list of who attended this rally is in another portion of this newsletter.

Besides the good times we had with the Hugo people our hosting team consisted of Carol and Ron Hall, Gladys and Don Longpre, June and Jim Guess and Grace and Darrell Gilliland. Carol over-did herself by preparing the biggest meal that was served on

Friday evening. She called the main dish "Taco pile-on" and it was deliciously filling. Cobblers and ice cream topped the meal. Another treat for the group after one day's tour was in the club house for strawberry and pecan pies made by Erika Moore. She preferred staying in the cool and doing that rather being out in the heat with everyone else. **(It was hot!)** Erika is a special cook and not even on the hosting team this month.

With all the planned traveling, the other meals were eaten out except for breakfasts which included biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruits, cereal and home-made jellies from Carol. Of course there is always a jar of peanut butter to go with the biscuits and jelly. Saturday evening the club treated everyone to a meal at the Harvey House and then the cake and ice cream celebration of ten years took place in the RV park building.

The usual card and game playing times took place each evening

*Grace*

## NEW MEMBERS

It was great to have 7 guests with us in Hugo. Some of the guests became members. Harry and Wilma Drummond who live in McAlester, Oklahoma joined us, as did John and Biny Sharpe who live in Fairview, Texas. We have not met John as Biny attended the rally with her sister Alice Brannen. Biny's husband John had another commitment and could not attend. It was good to see Donya Pool with Ben Depuew who was in the coach much of the time as he was recovering from surgery for a detached

retina. .

We also had three teenagers in attendance...Casy, Karisa, and Dalton. Casy and Karisa left Thursday for a little vacation in Hawaii with Snoopy and Susan. Dalton, who is Jeannette's grandson, leaves early next month for Germany where he will live and attend school this coming year.

Nick and Barbie Illes, who visited us in March sent in their application for membership this month. It is great to have all our new members.

## 2011 RALLY SCHEDULE

### 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

**Put the remaining rallies on your calendar today.**

## JUNE RALLY ATTENDEES

Mike & Donna Bennett  
Ken & Barbara Blackshear  
Curtis & Marva Buchhorn  
Snoopy & Susan Campbell and  
granddaughters Karisa and Casy  
Kenneth and Joyce Daughtery  
Ben DePuew & Donya Pool  
Darrell & Grace Gilliland  
Harry & Wilma Drummond  
Jim & June Guess  
Ron & Carol Hall  
Ray & Norma Hamel  
Duane & Dee Holloway  
Billy and Jeannette Idell and grandson  
Dalton  
Fred and Lou Kennedy  
Don & Gladys Longpre  
Gary & Kathy Mabry  
Jim & Pat McCollum  
Bill & Hilda McGuire  
Dennis & Erika Moore  
Ray & Conniie Wells  
Biny Sharpe & Alice Brannen



Dalton, Casy, Karisa



Snoopy earns DA Award



Learning to load the cannon.

## JUNE DA AWARD

Thursday morning the Campbell family is up early to get ready for their trip to Hugo. The RV is all packed except the refrigerator. The granddaughters round up the last minute things including filling the frig. Snoopy starts unplugging the RV, getting the jacks up etc,. As Susan takes care of some last minute packing and loading she notices the refrigerator light is not on. Having been informed, Snoopy tries to start the generator ...no generator either. None of the appliances or outlets in the coach will work. Now it is time to get out the checklist and after the 25-items are completed (remember he is a pilot) he decides to call the RV place. This is after calling Ron Hall to see if Ron can give him some assistance via phone. He gets an appointment for 1:00 pm at Camping World. The food is unloaded, they all eat lunch, and a few minutes before 1:00 pm, Snoopy leaves for his appointment.



At 2:00 pm Snoopy calls home and with excitement tells them it is fixed, to get ready and he will be home shortly. ....Susan asked him what was wrong. After some "sidestepping" and other delays he sheepishly states that a wire was not connected. (In getting ready for this trip he had replaced the house batteries.) Under what now must have seemed like the "third degree" he admitted overlooking a necessary ground wire. The cost to put this wire on and tighten the bolt .....\$75.00.

Snoopy, enjoy the DA award until September ....., and, remember, maintenance procedures can also have a "check list."

*Gary*

### JULY BIRTHDAY

Kenneth Blackshear  
Tom Burroughs  
Morris Cates  
Carol George  
Ben Graham  
Mickey Holbrook  
Luann Marchisin  
John Sharpe  
Ray Wells  
Jim Wright

### JULY ANNIVERSARY

Snoopy & Susan Campbell  
Kenneth & Joyce Daughtery

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ann Cates  
Claud George  
Dee Holloway  
Rita Landrum  
Jim McCollum  
Jerry Nelson  
Biny Sharpe  
Connie Tucker

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

Jim & June Guess  
John & Biny Sharpe  
Jim Bob & Pam Walker

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## BLACK OLIVE SALSA, Carol Hall

- 1 can Rotel Tomatoes (choice of heat)
- 1 can Black Olives, coarsely chopped
- 3 fresh Green Onions, thinly sliced
- 1 small can Herdez brand Salsa Verde
- 1 Tbls. white Vinegar
- 1 Tbls. Canola Oil
- 1/2 - 3/4 tsp. Garlic powder
- (Optional coarsely chopped fresh Cilantro)

Combine all ingredients in a container that can be sealed and refrigerated overnight or at least for several hours to give flavors time to combine.  
 This salsa is great as a dip with chips or in red beans...also heard it is good on scrambled eggs.

## Presidents Message

What a rally we had at Hugo! Those of you that could not attend certainly missed a great 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary rally. Look for an article, "Under the Big Top", in the FMCA magazine in a couple of months.

With summer temperatures here many of us are going to look for cooler weather. Hope you have a wonderful summer. Be safe and we will see you in the fall.

*Jim*

## 2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee's nominations for chapter offices for the 2012-year are as follows:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| President                      | Jim Guess       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Dennis Moore    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Luann Marchisin |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President | Ron Hall        |
| Secretary                      | Norma Hamel     |
| Treasurer                      | Curtis Buchhorn |
| National Director              | Robert Landrum  |
| Alt National Director          | Jim McCollum    |

## SEPTEMBER RALLY

**Make plans to attend the rally at the Coyote Ranch Resort in Wichita Falls, September 22-25. The agenda and registration form will be in a Newsletter sent around September 1st.**

## 2012 MEMBER DUES INFORMATION

Members voted at our last business meeting to renew 2012 membership, at no cost, to all who are members on October 1, 2011 and still own a qualifying motorhome. Members will have to fill out a renewal application and confirm they want to continue their chapter membership. Renewal forms should be available October 1.



Feeding the Elephants



Chapter Charter Members, L to R: Darrell and Grace Gilliland, Ray and Norma Hamel, Dee and Duane Holloway, Kathy and Gary Mabry, Jeannette and Billy Idell, and Jim and Pat McCollum.