

# RED RIVER ROVERS



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## DURANT RALLY

In March we return to the Durant/Choctaw Casino KOA for our third time since the park opened in 2009. Those of you who have attended any or all of these rallies know that this is one of, if not the nicest, site that we visit. Besides the outstanding facility, we do have a special relationship with the manager and his staff.

For those of you who may attend for the first time, the Durant/Choctaw Casino KOA is "Big-Rig" friendly, with 80' long pull-through, 50-amp service, with full hook-ups. Some sites feature a patio with picnic table and grill, cable TV hook-up and free WiFi.

Your camping fee also includes access to the Wellness Center, which offers free weight equipment, basketball courts, sauna, and jacuzzi.

Besides the Casino, Durant is home to many great attractions such as beautiful Lake Texoma, the Annual Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma, Fort Washita Historical Site, Three Valley Museum, historic downtown Durant and the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.

## CHAPTER RECRUITING

The Red River Rovers have started their 2011 recruiting year. On January 28, we asked FMCA Chapter Service Department to mail 259 letters and send 1062 e-mails within a 150-mile radius of Denton, Texas. This mailing was sent by FMCA to members who live in our area and had recently

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joined our Association. Cost of this project will be within the total amount of money given chapters each year for recruiting purposes.

Last year FMCA mailed 284 letters on our behalf. Fifteen of those receiving this mailing made contact and of those we picked up 5 new members. Some of the remaining 10 members who made contact are still receiving a monthly mailing advising them of future rallies. Last year's recruiting project was made possible through the effort of Frank Newby and FMCA. Hopefully we can do as well in 2011.

FMCA recently announced they would continue the "A Dozen Does It" program through the year 2011. Each chapter received an additional 5 free memberships that can be given to non-FMCA members as a recruiting incentive. If you know of a motorhome owner who does not belong to FMCA, and would be interested in the Red River Rovers, contact me about a one year free membership.

*Jim Guess*

**PLAN YOUR RALLY  
YEAR NOW!  
MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR FOR  
OUR 2011  
RALLIES.**

## TECH SESSION

Ron Hall's Tech Session for March will cover use of All Hazards Radios.. **NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards** is a network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from a nearby National Weather Service (NWS) office. It is operated by the NWS, an agency of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) within the United States Department of Commerce. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day. It also broadcasts alerts of non-weather emergencies such as national security, natural, environmental, and public safety (see: AMBER Alert) through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Emergency Alert System.

If you do not have an All Hazards Radio Ron may give an overview of those available with pros and cons.

*Ron Hall*

## LADIES CRAFTS

We are looking forward to having fun in our craft classes this year. I will be asking for volunteers to sign up to teach a class or maybe plan a trip to visit a tearoom. Be thinking about some fun things to do.

For March, the project is to

make a crocheted necklace from some special ribbon. I will have all of the materials needed except a crochet hook about the size H, I, or J. We will crochet a loose simple chain stitch. If you do not know how to make a chain stitch, we will teach you. If anyone has extra crochet hooks and doesn't mind, please bring them. I think I have 3. The cost is \$1.00.

*June Guess*

## DA AWARD

Ok ROVERS, the traveling "Jackass" (DA AWARD) will need a new home when we get to our first rally in March.

I know some of you have heard stories of members who have had R V experiences during this winter's travels that led to "wrong" decisions. (These happenings could also have occurred when in storage.) You need to write up those small problems you know of and nominate that "friend" as a candidate for the coveted DA Award.

Turn them in to myself or "Snoopy" Campbell

*Gary Mabry*

## FMCA'S CONVENTIONS

FMCA's International Conventions are now being called a Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase. This year's two events (2011) are scheduled March 14 - 17 in Perry, Georgia and August 10 - 13 at Madison, Wisconsin.

For those who plan ahead

## 2011 RALLY SCHEDULE

### March 10 - 13

Choctaw Casino KOA  
Durant, OK.

### March 14 - 17

FMCA International Convention  
Perry GA

### April 21 - 24

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

FMCA will go to only one International Convention in 2012. The dates for this event will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 2, 3, 4 & 5, with family parking days on Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1. This 2012 Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Jim McCollum*

National Director

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ann Bailey  
 Susan Campbell  
 Hazel Graham  
 June Guess  
 Gloria Hilton



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

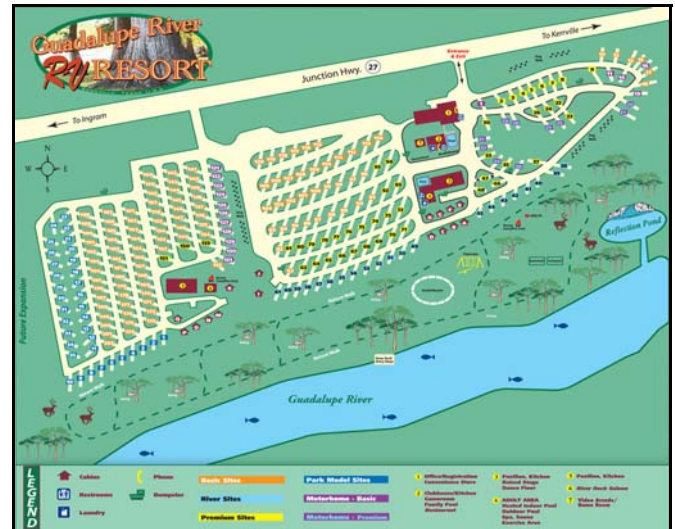
Mike and Donna Bennett  
 Bill and Hilda McGuire  
 Frank and Jan Newby  
 Ray and Connie Wells

## CHECK OUT SOME OF THE COMING RALLY SITES

### Guadalupe River RV Resort

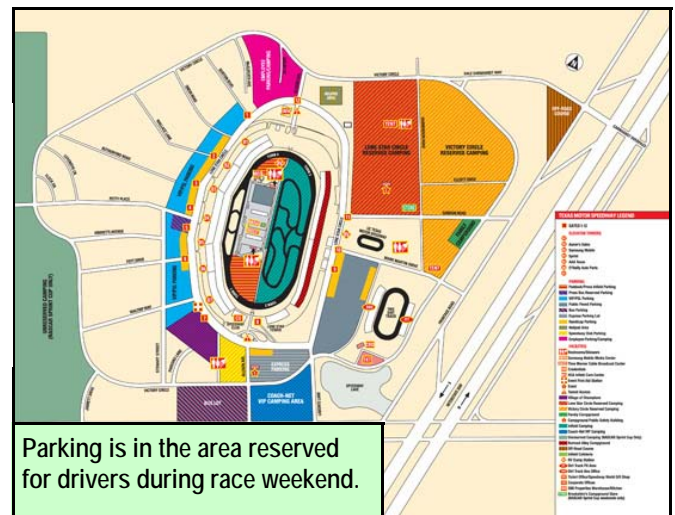
Guadalupe River RV Resort has a relaxed family atmosphere where you can take a leisurely walk along the **Guadalupe River**, fish from its banks, swim in the river, relax in one of the many shady tree swings overlooking the river, or watch the deer feed in the meadow.

Guadalupe River RV Resort is located in the *Heart of the Texas Hill Country* in Kerrville with easy access from I-10. The park is just a quick drive from some of the finest sightseeing, hiking, golfing, rafting, biking, horseback riding, and restaurants in the **Texas Hill Country**. San Antonio is a nice daytime trip from the RV Park.



### Texas Motor Speedway

**Location** - 3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76177  
**Capacity** - 191,122 (NASCAR & IndyCar)  
**Owner** - Speedway Motorsports, Inc.  
**Operator** - Speedway Motorsports, Inc.  
**Broke ground** - April 11, 1995 Opened February 29, 1996  
**Construction cost** - \$250 million USD



Parking is in the area reserved for drivers during race weekend.

### Hugo, OK

To circus fans "Hugo" is known as "Circus City USA" because it is winter quarters for three traveling circuses: Carson & Barnes, Kelly-Miller & Culpepper-Merryweather.



The Frisco Depot Museum built in 1914 is the third largest depot on Frisco rail lines in Oklahoma. It is located at Hwy 70 and the railroad crossing on West Jackson Street in Hugo. The Frisco Depot houses the Harvey House Restaurant boarding room, circus memorabilia and a wealth of information about early Choctaw County History.

The Frisco Depot RV Park is across the street from the museum. It has 48 full hookups, 30/50 amp breakers, full shower & bathroom facilities, and an adjacent 3,000 sq. ft. hospitality room with a full cooking and meeting area.



# Red River Rovers

### The "Triple R" News

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## HIS WISH WAS GRANTED

There was a Motor homer named Art from Portland, Oregon who stumbled upon a Genie in a bottle who granted him one wish. Art said, "I want to explore the big island of Hawaii in my motor home, but I can't afford to send it there by ship. So my wish is that you build a road from the coast of Oregon to Hawaii.

The Genie thought and then replied, "I'm sorry, but that is too difficult. The length and the depth of the ocean would make that task impossible even for a Genie like me. So you must make another wish."

Art quickly replied, "Okay, I never could understand women. I want to

**President's Message**

*It is that time again, let's rally!!! Get those RV'S tuned up, aired up, fueled up, and let's rally of 2011. It will be at the Choctaw Casino KOA, March 10-13, south of Durant, Oklahoma.*

*It is always good to have the fellowship, fun, and food we enjoy at our rallies. It gives us time to explore the communities we visit. It gives other motorhome owners the opportunity to know we are the Red River Rovers, just having fun. This also gives each of us a chance to invite them to join the fun loving Red River Rovers.*

*Get your reservations in early! Don't miss our first rally of 2011!!!*

*Jim*

**P.S. SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

know "how do they think and what do they really want?"

The Genie paused for a moment, deep in thought....., and then replied, "Do you want that highway two lanes or four?"

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