

"Triple R" News

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OKTOBERFEST

In October the Host Committee has planned it's own version of "Oktoberfest".



The dinner meals served Friday and Saturday will feature foods that we think of in this country as traditional German. Come Friday evening prepared to dance the polka.

Some of you may know that within the city limits of Munich only beer with a minimum of 13.5% "Master Spice" is allowed to be served during the festival. Good Luck on finding that in Oklahoma.

See the October Rally Agenda attached. Make your plans now to attend the RRR "Oktoberfest" October 13 - 16 in Durant, OK.

SEPTEMBER RALLY

After the two months (July and August) without RRR rallies there was much excitement when attendees met for the September rally in Wichita Falls at the Coyote Ranch Resort. Also, after the long-lasting heat in Texas and Oklahoma a wind and rain storm hit in the night bringing wonderful temperatures for the next day. The planned golf game was cancelled leaving temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees.

Thursday evening a long tour bus arrived at 5:00 to take every

one to Kiowa Casino for a free buffet and night of fun. The tour guide started a game having everyone sign a \$1.00 bill and in drawing a winner for the total in hat, Shirley Nelson was the winner. Other prizes were given as Don Longpre won for oldest member present, Donya Poole was youngest, Ernie and LuAnn Marchisin traveled the farthest and Harry and Wilma Drummond had been married the shortest time. The casino gave everyone \$10.00 free play. After each paid \$10.00 of their own money they were given another \$10.00 for free play on Senior Night.

On a sad note.....We lost one of our charter members, Duane Holloway. With visitation on Friday evening and services and burial on Saturday, the rally hosts changed some of the plans for the rally to accommodate those who were able to attend one or all of the funeral services for Duane. It was good to know how much this meant to Dee. Both she and Duane have been special workers of the club and Duane endured many months of health issues.

Friday morning breakfast consisting of French toast, sausage, fruit and juice was well received. Connie and Hilda did an outstanding job with the fall colors of boots. Under direction of the Mabry's daughter Ginger, eleven ladies, along with Ben DePuew, took a tour of the Kell House Mansion and Riverside Cemetery. The Kell House is 102 years old with 95% original furnishings.

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Returning to the campground and after a quick bite to eat, they hurried to the club room for a presentation by Dennis and Erika Moore of Saudi Arabia's lifestyle when they were in that country. They have many treasures of gold bracelets and diamonds and served Saudi tea and desserts in the gold teacups on beautiful tablecloths. Carol Hall and Kathy Mabry dressed for the show of Saudi culture.

The men used picnic tables under the mesquite tree for their Tech meeting. The subject included Exhaust Emissions and Diesel Engines.

Gary Mabry and Charles Souter found a couple on the grounds wondering what all was going on with the good-time of the motorhomers. Rusty and Mary Moore were invited to join the members, including the newest members – Larry and Judy Sanders - for a BBQ dinner with all the trimmings. The Moores joined the club and were given a free year's membership to FMCA. It's good to know that these two couples will fit right in to the RRR membership as one is a Long-

horn and the other an Oklahoma fan.

1st Vice President Kathy Mabry called the meeting to order in President Jim Guess' absence. Kathy indicates she had Bill McGuire's help in trying to keep her in order! The secretary's minutes indicate who the new officers will be. The DA award was given to Ernie Marchisin for something he did during his summer trip. Sneaky Gary, being the DA chairman, was talking to Rusty Moore who spilled the beans about some bone-head things he had done. This earned him an Honorary Award. Looks like the second new member to earn such an award – CURTIS.

Sunday's devotional was again held by Snoopy with his talk about Heaven. The host team for this rally consisted of Hamels, McGuires, Tuckers and Mabrys. It was a great rally and many there were making arrangements to go to the Six-State Rally in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Guesses and Gillilands have been in Hutch since early September working the Kansas State Fair and helping get ready for Six-State.

Kathy M/Grace G

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Bartl
Marva Buchhorn
Carol Decker
Beth Elam
Grace Gilliland
Ray Hamel
Gladys Longpre
J R Monk
Shirley Nelson
Bryant Roland
Connie Wells
Judy Sanders
Larry Sanders

SEPT. ANNIVERSARYS

Pearce & Ann Bailey
Curtis & Marva Buchhorn
Gary & Kathy Mabry
Larry & Judy Sanders



September Hosts: L to R; Hilda and Bill McGuire, Kathy and Gary Mabry, Norma and Ray Hamel, and Tuck and Connie Tucker.

LADIES CRAFTS

Luann Marchisin will be leading the ladies crafts at the coming October rally. The ladies will make a patriotic pin (flag) that is done with beads and safety pins. Supplies will be furnished. The cost of materials will be no more than a dollar.

TECH SESSION

The Tech Session at the October Rally in Durant will revisit methods of naming and organizing files stored on your computer in order to make them easy to find when you need to access them later. The Choctaw KOA rally room lends itself to computer related tech sessions because the management works with us to provide access to the large flat screen as a computer display. The time of the tech session will be set to avoid conflict with the craft session so that all interested members can attend. The session will be led by Ron Hall.

Welcome to new
members Rusty & Mary
Moore who live in Wichita
Falls.

2012 RENEWAL

Remember, in June the chapter voted to give members their 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. A renewal form is attached to the Newsletter.

SEPT. ATTENDEES

Bruce and Sue Bartl
Mike and Donna Bennett
Curtis and Marva Buchhorn
Snoopy and Susan Campbell
Floyd and Carol Decker
Ben Depuew/Donya Poole
Harry and Wilma Drummond
Ron and Carol Hall
Ray and Norma Hamel
Don and Gladys Longpre
Gary and Kathy Mabry
Ernie and Luann Marchisin
Bill and Hilda McGuire
Dennis and Erika Moore
Jerry and Shirley Nelson
Larry and Judy Sanders
John and Biny Sharpe
Charles and Marcia Souter
Tuck and Connie Tucker

DA AWARD

The Marchisin's were getting things together to move on to their next destination when Luann said she would walk the dogs while Ernie finish hooking up the car and closing up every thing in the coach. Luann had only walked a little ways and when she saw Ernie back by the service panels finishing up. She had walked a short distance before looking back to see a water hose stretched as far as possiblealong with a electrical cord popping loose. She started waving her hands, jumped up and down with both dog leashes and dogs getting jerked.....all this to try to get his attention. Finally he sees Luann and backs up.

When he gets out he says " I was just pulling the coach up a little bit to hook up the car and did not realize I had pulled up so far".

Don't most people pull the car up??

Congratulations Come
get your award ERNIE!!!!

Gary



L to R, Ernie Marchisin receives the DA Award from Snoopy Campbell



Dinner hour at the Coyote Ranch Resort in Wichita Falls

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THE KANSAS STATE FAIR

As many of you know Grace and I take from 10 to 11 coaches each year to the Kansas State Fair and volunteer as "Greeters." This year, there is one from Kansas, one from Arkansas, one from Arizona, one Louisiana, two from Oklahoma and five from Texas. We stand at the Gate Entrances, hand a "daily activity schedule" to each fair visitor, and extend a warm **"Welcome to the Kansas State Fair"**. We only work a 2 – 3 hour shift, usually every other day. That leaves a lot of time to enjoy the fair; it's many exhibits, special programs and some of the afternoon and evening entertainment. And of course, in the evening, it is a great opportunity to stroll down the midway.

This started some 10 years ago when visiting with fair management either at an Area Rally or when we held an International Convention at that siteI no longer remember for sure. Usually Officers of the Six-State Rally Association are given first choice. I fill in the other spots with FMCA members from the area. The Guesses have become regulars; the Idells and Nelsons have also been in past years. We all do have a great time as one photograph included here portrays.

Darrell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sure by now, you are ready for this great fall weather with temperatures down under 100 degrees in most areas. There will be many stories on how hot or cool the summer temperatures were in different places. We did not run A/C for two months but ran our heater of a morning.

You have a new slate of officers ready for their new duties starting January 1, 2012. If you have ideas for the new-year, let your officers know.

For those of you who traveled from Wichita Falls to Hutchinson, we hope your time was rewarding as you attended the various seminars and entertainment provided by your Six-State Rally organization. The Kansas Underground Salt Museum and the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center were outstanding attractions in the Hutchinson.

Check your calendar, only two rallies and a Christmas luncheon remaining for the 2011 year. This upcoming rally will be a true German "Ocktoberfest" at the Choctaw KOA Campground in Durant, Oklahoma.

June and I will see you in Durant!

Jim

WAY TO GO!!!!

Curtis and Marva Buchhorn were big winners in the Snowshoe Shuffle 5k walk that was held in Creede, Colorado August 6th. Marva and Curtis both placed first in their age division. Curtis placed third in all divisions.



Last year Grace was picked up by the Kansas Highway Patrol and brought back to the campground (In cuffs) following her shift. (There's a long, long story behind this.)

Date: September 11, 2011

To: Red River Rovers Membership
From: Attending National Director, Jim McCollum

Subject: FMCA Family Reunion, Madison, WI. August 10 - 13, 2011

The Rally was really a good one with attendees remarking that it was the best yet! Coach count was reported as 2148. In addition, a large number of day passes were observed.

A brief summary since I am unable to attend the RRR September Rally, the Governing Board meeting was lengthy and ran until 7:00 in the evening. Proposal # 1 for amendment to the Bylaws concerning Executive Director was defeated. Proposals to Policy and Procedures, #'s 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were all passed. Proposal P&P # 6 was pulled.

Proposal P&P # 3 concerned clarification of eligibility for travel allowances and per diem for volunteers.

During Budget discussion, one motion made, voted and approved was to no longer allow any site reimbursement to National Directors or Alternates while in attendance at Governing Board meetings until the Budget is stronger.

Executive Board actions were listed and many were pulled, discussed and voted on. Some items of interest:

A new information system will be implemented which is reported to save \$1000. a month. The scheduled 2013 winter convention in Pomona, CA. was cancelled.

Officer election results:

National President Charlie Schrenkel
National Senior Vice President Allen Rein
National Secretary Vicky Ferrari
National Treasurer Will Young

At the October Rally, I will have the Governing Board Book detailing all items and will be glad to go over any information of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCollum

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RED RIVER ROVERS BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

The September Business Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chapter Vice-President Kathy Mabry.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer: Curtis Buchhorn reported that we had acquired 5 new members thru August. We had a new couple join at this rally making a total of 6 new members this year. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$11,186.25 in the chapter account as of August 31, 2011.

Bill McGuire made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. It was seconded by Snoopy Campbell. The motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2012:

The Nominating Committee consisted of Darrell Gilliland, Curtis Buchhorn and Hazel Graham. The slate of officers presented by the committee in June is as follows:

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

Vice-President Kathy Mabry made a request for any nominations from the floor. There being none, Bill McGuire made a motion to accept the nominating committees slate of officers as read. It was seconded by Ben DePuew. The motion was passed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill McGuire, seconded by Tuck Tucker. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Norma Hamel, Secretary

TECH SESSION SEPTEMBER 2011

The subject of the September Technical session was Diesel Exhaust Fluid. The correct name for the process that uses the DEF is Selective Catalytic Reduction or SCR. The purpose of the SCR system is to remove oxides of nitrogen from the exhaust that are generated in the combustion chamber by the high temperatures converting the nitrogen molecules in the intake air into corrosive forms of nitrogen and oxygen known as oxides of nitrogen. The process uses a catalyst chamber inline with the exhaust pipe similar to a gasoline car, but requires an additional chemical to complete the process. That additional chemical is the DEF, which is composed of 32% urea and de-ionized water. Urea, in a slightly different form is commonly used as fertilizer in farming to provide nitrogen to the plants.

The DEF is the source of much debate in the world of diesel transportation including motor homes. You will here rumors that it is toxic or combustible or both. Neither is true. You will also hear wild claims as to the freezing and or boiling point of this liquid, they are also exaggerated. The only precaution is that it freezes at 12 degrees Fahrenheit and the design of the DEF tank installed by the manufacturer of the coach is heated by engine coolant in a similar fashion to our hot water tanks. If the DEF should freeze in the tank while the coach is stored or parked without the heat on, it causes no harm since it doesn't expand enough when frozen to damage the tank. It also will not separate when frozen so that once it is back to liquid, it will still do its job.

Reducing oxides of nitrogen from the exhaust of engines has been a goal of the air quality laws since the 1970's and the main method that was used before computer control was Exhaust Gas Recirculation or EGR. EGR takes some of the exhaust and returns it to the engine intake to reduce the amount of oxygen and thereby reduce the temperature of the combustion. The problem with this 'stop it before it forms' method is that lowering the temperature of the combustion lowers the pressure on the piston and lowers the power output. Even after computer control came into use, most of the methods used to lower oxides of nitrogen in the exhaust, used the idea of lowering the temperature in the combustion chamber and limited the power output of the engine. Since SCR eliminates the oxides of nitrogen in the exhaust with a chemical cleaning after they have been formed in the combustion chamber, the computer no longer has to heavily limit combustion temperature, so at least in theory, the same engine can now make more power. Cummins, for instance, is claiming an increase of 8 to 9% for the same engine without SCR.

Most motor home owners are concerned about the availability of the DEF. I would suggest for the time being, you carry some extra in a container in a basement bin if you expect to be far out in the boonies, but along the Interstates and anywhere you can find a truck stop or auto parts store, you should have no trouble finding it. Most motor homes will have a 15 gallon DEF tank that will require refilling after 500 gallons of diesel used. You want to avoid letting the DEF tank get too close to empty as the computer will de-rate your power when the DEF tank nears empty.

If you are in the market for a new (2011 or later) diesel coach and I haven't convinced you that SCR and DEF are not a huge headache, you can perhaps find a coach that uses a Navistar brand diesel engine. Navistar has decided to meet the new oxides of nitrogen restriction levels with a new and improved version of EGR.

Ron Hall

OCTOBER 2011 RALLY AGENDA

**Meal Setups are not furnished. Bring your own plates, eating utensils, cups/glasses and napkins to all meals*

LOCATION: Choctaw RV Park
3650 Enterprise Dr.
Durant, OK 74701
800-562-6073

DATES: October 13 - 16, 2011

THURSDAY: (Early Arrival) stop at the office and register and pay individually. If you have indicated Handicapped on your reservation, the office will have your name to give you a close spot. The hosts will be parked up front.

Breakfast: On Your Own.
Lunch: On Your Own.
6:00 pm: Social Hour: Bring a dish to share. Host will provide tea.
Activities/Other: Casino – everyone will get a coupon book and Player’s Club card – includes discounts on most restaurants at the Casino.

FRIDAY: (Parking all day) same as Thursday, see above.

Breakfast: On Your Own.
Lunch: On Your Own.
5:00 pm: Social Hour: BYOD.
6:00 pm: Dinner: Sauerkraut and brats, potato salad, Black Forest cake.
Activities/Other: German polka music provided by Erika - The Polka will be demonstrated by a member of the Happy (OK) Wanderers. Bring your dancing shoes!

SATURDAY:

9:00 am: Breakfast: Pancakes w/ syrup, bacon, OJ & tomato, coffee
9:30 am (approx): Business Meeting if needed
2:00 pm: Craft: TBA
Tech: TBA
5:00 pm: Social Hour: BYOD.
6:00 pm: Dinner: Jager Schnitchel w/gravy, potato balls, Apple Strudel w/ice cream.
Activities/Other: Casino trips or cards and games at the clubhouse.

SUNDAY:

8:30 am: Breakfast: Sausage Biscuits, OJ and tomato, coffee, (any left- overs) and Left-over food auction.
9:30 am: Devotional

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Visit Durant
- See the Worlds largest peanut (3rd and Evergreen)
- Museum (4th and Main)
- Visit Calera
- Casino

OCTOBER 2011 REGISTRATION FORM

RALLY DATES: October 13 - 16

PLACE & LOCATION: CHOCTAW KOA RV PARK, Durant, OK. Bryan County

DIRECTIONS TO THE RV PARK: From N or S travel US 69 & US 75, exit at Choctaw Rd (Choctaw Fuel Stop) Travel east about 1/5 mile to Enterprise Dr. Turn N and follow signs to park.

CAMPING FEE: \$25 per night, stop at the office to pay when you arrive. Remember to take your RV license tag number with you to register. If you plan to arrive early or stay after the rally, the \$25 per night will apply

ADDITIONAL FEES: (Optional Activities)

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO: (Make check payable to: Red River Rovers.)

Curtis Buchhorn
7903 S Ballantrae
McKinney, TX 75070

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
October 3

EMERGENCY PH: 580-255-7171

HOST COMMITTEE

- Carol and Ron Hall
- Erika and Dennis Moore
- Sue and Bruce Bartl
- Joyce and Kenneth Daugherty

OCTOBER 2011 RALLY REGISTRATION FORM
Thursday October 13 - Sunday October 16, 2011

Name: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **St:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Dept. Date:** _____ **No Nights Camping:** _____ **No in Coach:** _____

Do you have special parking needs: Yes ___ No ___

Rally Fee: (\$10.00 ea. person) # ____ @ \$10.00 ea. \$ _____ or \$10.00 Voucher (1 or 2)
Total: \$ _____ (circle if using rally voucher)

Make checks payable to: **Red River Rovers**

Mail to:
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RED RIVER ROVERS 2012 MEMBER RENEWAL APPLICATION

In June the chapter voted to pay the 2012 renewal dues of each Member who was active on October 1, 2011 from chapter funds. If you are planning to remain a member this coming year, please provide the following information.

I do own a qualifying coach & wish to receive my free renewal for my 2012 membership:

Y __ N __

Please fill out the first three lines and any other information that may have changed. Please mail to the chapter Treasurer at the address below.

FMCA#: _____

Last Name: _____ His First Name: _____ Her First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

His Cell Phone: _____

Her Cell Phone: _____

His E-mail Address: _____

Her E-mail Address: _____

Number of Grandchildren: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Make of Motorhome: _____

Length of Motorhome: ___ Slide Out(s) (Yes/No): ___ # of Slides: _____

For Chapter Treasurer Use Only.

1. Date of Renewal: _____

4. Date Entered: _____

Mail the completed Renewal Form to:

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