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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring Greetings from Illinois,

I hope your winter has been, at the very least, tolerable. My condolences if you live in the Northeast section of the country! Once again, the weather has been a bit goofy here. We had a fairly mild winter until February. Then we tied the record for the coldest February in history with an average high temperature of 14.6°. Spring starts this month, which means things will be looking up soon.

We traveled to the factory rally in January, stayed with friends and had a lovely time. While we were in Florida, we attended the Tampa RV show, and were amazed at how large it was. It was a lot of fun to see everything and we found a few things that we didn't know we needed. We rarely travel in the winter so it was a nice treat for us.

I think that we have such clever people in our club. What a great idea they had to combine our club rally with the INTO Rally. It keeps us on schedule for meetings and since we had been heading toward Louisiana anyway (this just sent us a bit further north) it worked out well. I also want to thank those of you who took over when I became too involved with family to do the work and to those who sent words of understanding and encouragement. It just reinforces my belief that we have a club of caring, thoughtful and compassionate members.

I hope that many of you will decide to come to the FMCA 92nd Family Reunion in Madison, Wisconsin from July 29 to August 1. I want to lure you to God's country and maybe that will prompt you to think about having a future rally in the north. I know you will love the trees, lakes and tranquility.

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It is time to think about our fall rally. We need to determine a location and think about elections for the following board positions. President; Second Vice President, Rally Coordinator; Third Vice President, Communications; FMCA National Director. I hope that if you have never held a position on the board you will think about it now and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the current office holder or myself.

When I receive notice of members who are leaving us for various reasons, I think of how life is never static. As we meet for each rally, we enjoy the company of our new and current CHOC friends, but miss our old friends. As old friends move on we wish you well and want you to know you are always welcome back and we hope we see you down the road.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Hope to see many of you at Shreveport in April. We'll be talking again soon,

Melody

From the National Director on the road in Mexico on March 18th...

We just spent an interesting two days in Vicente Guerrero, Baja California, Mexico. We're on a Fantasy Caravan in Baja. In the wee morning hours yesterday, we were awakened by loudspeakers and sirens. It seems we were right in the middle of a labor dispute with some rioting. Roads were blocked by rocks and burning tires. The owner of the campground assured us we were as safe as possible in the campground and kept us all as possible. We kept a low profile as we had visitors looking down on us all day and we spent an unplanned extra day waiting for things to calm down. This morning a Police escort was arranged to see us out of the immediate danger area and we've driven a hundred miles north near Ensanada. I want to commend the Fantasy Staff members leading our trip. They were diligent and professional in making the best of a potentially bad situation.

After we finish our Caravan, we'll be heading to Pomona, CA for the FMCA National spring gathering. Phyllis and I will both be volunteering there so it will be a busy time. I have no idea if any CHOC members will be attending. After the gathering, we'll tour the west for about a month until we make our way to Shreveport, LA for the CHOC rally and the INTO annual rally. I know the CHOC plans were just made but I hope by the time you read this article, we will have seen some of you in Louisiana.

Safe travels to all,

Chuck Johnson



SECRETARY'S MEMO

I'm hoping that many of you will be able to make it to our mini rally in April. Be sure and email me at kreilly271@yahoo.com to let me know so I can have a list of attendees to share. There are still a few details being worked out, and Phil will send a blast when any news becomes available. We attended the SEA rally in February in Sarasota with the Abosamra's, and we're looking forward to another great FMCA rally. There are always good seminars and interesting vendor items. Here's a good website to visit, www.rvtravel.com. There's a place on the site where you can sign up for their mini daily newsletter, with a tip of the day. Included are some interesting and helpful items for RVing - it's always interesting to see what new things are available. See you in Shreveport!

Karin



TREASURES REPORT

As of 3/20/15, we have 112 paid member-coaches for 2015. Four of these are members rejoining from prior years. We have 8 members who will not rejoin and 9 whom we still have not heard from and will be officially dropped from membership April 15 unless they renew.

Margaret



New Member Corner

We are so glad to welcome our new members to the club.

Gail Cortelyou and Glenda Keach from Florida

Dale and Connie Twomley from Hendersonville, NC

Iain and Katie Anderson from Naples, FL

Bill and Kathy Beaty from Naples, FL

Harry Ruhser and Carol Reardon from Hereford, AZ

Scott Sleight from Longville, MN

We hope you will be joining us at our rallies so we can get to know you.

Jan



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