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2016 RALLY HIGHLIGHTS HOST'S NEEDED

With the rally plans for 2016 made by our 3rd Vice President and Wagonmaster, Michael Hillhouse, this has the potential of being a great year for using that motorhome and being active in the chapter. In the first half of the rally season, March takes us back to Oak Creek RV Park near Weatherford, Texas. Our last visit to Oak Creek was in Sep-



Oak Creek RV Park

tember of 2014. That was a wonderful rally. The park has a large meeting room to accommodate those who can attend. Your rally host will plan a rally that will give you an opportunity to catch up on what each has been doing over the winter. Following the March rally many members will travel to the Big Bend area to visit both the historic areas and to see the blooming of the early spring vegetation.

In April we return to Riverview RV Park at Colbert, Oklahoma. A good location with opportunities to visit and/or participate the many things to do and see north in Durant or south in Denison and Sherman.

In May the chapter will visit Kerrville, Texas camping at Buckhorn Lake Resort. Over the years the Hill Country and Kerrville have been a favorite destination for the chapter in early spring. The chapter made its first trip to the area in May of 2002 staying at Guadalupe River RV Park. Return trips were made in 2007, 2008 and 2011.

Please be thinking about volunteering for the host committee. Our rallies depends on the groups of our wonderful volunteers. We are in need of seven host couples for the 2016 rally season.

May is a longer rally. The host group is only expected to work a regular rally length (Thursday-Sunday). We need three couples for that rally.

October needs four host couples for that rally.

Please consider this great opportunity to volunteer!

June Guess

DUMB ASSES WANTED

Either at home or in one of your winter escape locations we would certainly bet that someone has a good story on a friend or spouse (also a friend) who, for whatever reason, made a error in judgement while motorhoming.

Gary feels you "owe it to your chapter" to divulge the actions that others would like to hear. We do take great pleasure in someone else's mistakes, after all it keeps the focus off the mistakes we have made while operating these "machines" at home and across the country.

Briefly, write up the event as you know it....Gary, who will present the DA Award, will embellish it a little and we'll all have a few laughs while at the same time, breathe a sigh of relief that this time "we dodged the bullet."

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This will be an extended rally and of course members can make arrangements to stay in the area longer. So many things to do and see in Fredricksburg, Boerne, Bandera, and of course, San Antonio.

June will take us back to Durant, Oklahoma for our chapters 15th Anniversary Rally. The camping and meeting facilities at the Choctaw Casino KOA readily accommodate the chapter for this very special event.

These four rallies, and the side trip taken by a few, will take us to the summer "recess". The fall rally schedule will take the chapter back to Durant, Oklahoma in September, to Santo, Texas in October, and will conclude in Wichita Falls Texas in November.

Fuel is cheap..... make plans to attend all rallies scheduled in 2016. If so, you might join the Sharpes and the Kriesmans with a year of perfect attendance.

RV INFO RESOURCES

As The Chairman of the Technical Committee, I regularly ask for suggestions for topics to use in our Tech Sessions at rallies. One of the most common ways I get these suggestions is when a member asks if I have read a tech article in one of the genre magazines. I recently got a request to cover the information contained in the January 2016 issue of the FMCA magazine. The article, titled 'RV Fire Protection' by Mark Quasius (F333630), grabbed the attention of the requesting member due to Mr. Quasius' explanation of the three classifications of fires and the types of fire extinguishers needed to fight each type of fire.

I must admit that due to regu-

lar fire safety training from my employer and attending Mac the Fire Guy's seminars at FMCA regional rallies several times since I joined the RRR, I skipped this article when I received my January 2016 issue of the FMCA magazine. I retrieved the issue from my motorhome and read the article. Rather than try to recap the article here in our newsletter, I recommend that any members not familiar with modern fire extinguishers and their use do the same.

Once I have read the January issue of the FMCA magazine, I always store it in my coach. Articles such as the one described above are only one reason I keep the January issue aboard. The January issue contains updated information about benefits and services that FMCA members have available to them and having it on board could be very important in the event that you need to access some of our FMCA benefits while on the road. I suggest that all RRR members keep the latest January issue somewhere that it is available for reference wherever they are staying.

Ron Hall

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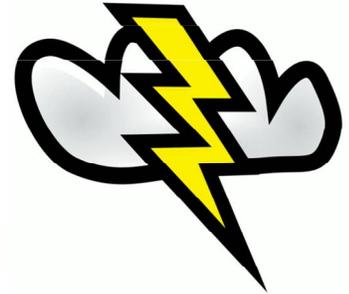
Tiffin Motorhomes (Tiffin) is recalling certain model year 2007-2015 motorhomes manufactured May 1, 2007, to December 31, 2014, equipped with certain Coachstep Double and Triple Electric Steps. The bolt that attaches the fan gear assembly to the steps may fracture allowing the fan gear to disengage from the steps. As a result, the steps may not remain in the expected position and may become unstable.

Tom Burroughs

MARCH TECH SESSION

The March Tech Session will explore various methods of getting quick, reliable, up-to-date weather information when you are away from home and/or at a rally. With the storm season ahead of us this is a good time to review resource options.

Ron



WE REMEMBER



It is with much regret that we feel the lost of another member.....Dusty Day. Dusty passed away on Christmas day. Dusty and Ruby have been long time RVer's. They joined the Red River Rovers in 2012.

DECEMBER "WHOSZAT!"



This month we are featuring both the December and March "Whoszat" member. If you want to take a guess who our featured members are please email: darrellgilliland0@gmail.com



MARCH "WHOSZAT!"



MARCH CRAFT SESSION

For our March Craft Session we will make wreaths for our doors, walls, or tables. They are 15 inches in diameter and the supplies, form, fabric, ribbon and some decorations, will be furnished. If you have a specific color in mind you can bring 1 yard of thin opaque fabric or even an old long scarf can be used. PLEASE CALL Susan Campbell at 817-929-9354 if you are interested in participating. Please schedule with me so that I can bring enough material and forms. Cost is \$7.00.

Susan Campbell



MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

- Bill & Melissa Armstrong
- Mike & Donna Bennett
- Bill & Hilda McGuire
- Roger & Barbara McNees
- Robert & Maureen Robinson

BIRTHDAYS

- Susan Campbell
- Connie Carrington
- Hazel Graham
- June Guess
- Sharlot Matthews
- Dianne Mobley



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2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

MARCH 10 - 13

Oak Creek RV Park
Weatherford, TX

MARCH 17 - 20

FMCA International Conv.
Perry, GA

APRIL 14 - 17

Riverview RV Park
Colbert, OK

MAY 11 - 15

Buckhorn Lake Resort
Kerrville, TX

JUNE 9 - 12

Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

AUGUST 3 - 6

FMCA International Conv.
West Springfield, MA

SEPTEMBER 8 - 11

Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

SEPTEMBER 12 - 15

Six-State Area Rally
Shawnee, OK

OCTOBER 13 - 16

Coffee Creek RV Park
Santo, TX

NOVEMBER 10 - 13

Coyote Ranch RV Resort
Wichita Falls, TX

DECEMBER 3

New China King Buffet
Denton, TX

MARCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope your new year is off to a great start! Several members have told me it is too long between rallies and are ready for March to be here. I have to agree, as I am eager to begin the 2016 rallies as well.

We have gained a new member couple since the luncheon, Gale Follett and Bill Cooley of North Richland Hills. We initially met them in October at the Six-State Chapter Fair in Conroe. Our Membership Committee followed up with them after the rally and they have decided to join the RRR fun.

We are saddened by the death of Dusty Day and will certainly miss him, but are happy to know Ruby is planning to continue attending rallies as an associate member.

I received word from Venita Holbrook saying she and Mickey are calling it quits for motorhoming. They were planning to RV for one more year when the tornado in Garland destroyed their motorhome (thankfully, while they were away for dinner) and unfortunately for the RRRs, they have made the decision to not purchase another one.

Their smiles, laughter and stories will be sorely missed.

Looking forward to a great rally season and to seeing new and existing members at the Oak Creek RV Park.

Jeannette



Riverview



Buckhorn Lake



Choctaw KOA