

FMCA Chapter Build Report

Name and Dates of Build – Houston County (Perry) March 26 to April 6

Team Leaders – Don and Marilyn McBain

Assistants were Rick and Marcella Pasetto and they did an excellent job. Bill and Rosemary McLaughin, at their suggestion, took total responsibility for food and drinks for breaks. This was a great help to us so that we had more time to oversee the job.

There were **19 team members**, 10 coaches.
One coach cancelled.

There were **0 first-timers**

Estimated **hours worked** by the team: 1092.

Number of Builders on the team: 18 Non-builders: 1

Non-building **group activities**:

- Meeting on the day prior to the build to update participants and review safety guidelines. Guidelines were distributed.
- Dinner hosted by the affiliate with homeowner and affiliate board attending.
- Wind-up dinner at a restaurant attended by the homeowner (as our guest), the executive director of the affiliate and three of the board members and spouses. This was held on the Wednesday of the second week, before any participants had left.
- Happy hour every day at 5.
- There were several group dinners at a variety of local restaurants, and all attended nearly all of the time. Two of the dinners were on the Friday and Saturday prior to the build, arranged because we were all at the campground immediately following the convention. These evenings served us well in starting the bonding process within the group.

All participants attended all functions, except three couples who left early because of commitments and/or because of lack of work. (See below.)

Work Performed: When we arrived, the concrete slab was poured. A group went on the Saturday before the build to lay out the floor plates. This avoided the need for a lot of people standing around for a few hours on the first day. When we left, the roof was complete, the siding was complete, the porches were complete, and most of the drywall was finished (contracted out). There were two problems. First, the plumber had laid out the floor work incorrectly and did not return to correct the problem and finish his

installation till Tuesday of the second week. This delayed the inspection, which delayed the insulating which delayed the drywallers. The second problem was that materials were not available when they were needed. Although this affiliate has had the FMCA chapter build for them several times before, this was a particularly talented team and we accomplished more than the affiliate was expecting, so materials were not available in a timely fashion. (Perhaps the assistance of a local volunteer who had worked in the construction industry and was 37 years old helped to move the work along much faster than expected. He raised and set the trusses and pulled up all of the roof sheeting!) We spoke every day to the executive director about these problems, but things apparently could not be speeded up. As a result, we worked with only half a team, in the mornings only, for the last four days of the build. Some of the team members were disappointed in that much more could have been accomplished, but they stuck it out to the end and we had a great wind-up happy hour and dinner!

Coach parking was at the Fair Harbor RV Park at a cost of \$20 per coach per night, which was a reduction of \$8. We thought that some of the participants might be disappointed that the cost was so high, but there was no grumbling, at least not in our presence. We had gone to speak with the owners of the park in advance, in hopes of getting the price reduced for our volunteer group, but did not succeed. The park provided us with a key for their clubhouse so that we could meet there if weather was inclement. However, we used it only once for Happy Hour. The weather all of the other days was excellent for sitting outside.

The **construction supervision** was good. Walt was on site all day every day. He would go to the hardware for small things when we needed them.

The affiliate had organized only two lunches. Marcella Pasetto came to the rescue and canvassed local restaurants and was able to arrange lunches for all other days. She is to be commended for her efforts.

Very little **concern was expressed by the team members**. However, we believe some were disappointed that we didn't have the materials in order to do more. They had come to build for two weeks and weren't able to do as much as they had hoped.

There were no accidents or injuries except for minor purple thumbs and fingers!

The homeowner, Teresa King, built alongside us throughout the build except for a couple of days. A newspaper reporter visited the site and did an article that was on the front page of the local paper. The **highlight** of the build was the group of participants. They all worked well together and enjoyed each others' company. It doesn't get much better than this!

Future build leaders to consider are Rick and Marcella Pasetto. They are hard workers, and Marcella has a great personality for taking charge when needed. As you know, they have taken the build leaders' course and are very conscientious about doing a good job.

The financial report (audited) was mailed to the treasurer at FMCA offices.

Attachments:

Roster of Team Members with Updated Information