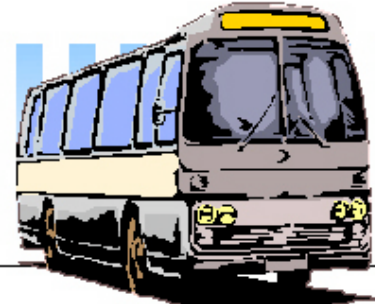


ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....



**Official Newsletter of the  
FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®  
June, 2008  
Editor --- Marion Braum**

LET'S BUILD TOGETHER .... Bill McLaughlin, President

Greetings,

The only constant today is change and change is happening at Habitat for Humanity International. Reorganization is taking place as the Global Village program becomes part of Habitat's new Volunteer Mobilization department. While this reorganization takes place there will be no new RV Care-A-Vanner builds added to the 2008 schedule by the RV desk at Global Village.

Because of these developments, our Chapter will now be operating somewhat differently. The past procedure for signing up for Builds was to contact the RV desk and register to build. This is now changed. As future Chapter builds are scheduled, we will register through team leaders, or as directed by our VP Build Coordinator. This will provide a simple, straightforward method for organizing our future builds. This program, however, does require Chapter members to give serious consideration to working as team leaders. Team leadership is an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with Habitat for Humanity and all of the outstanding work being done. Though change is happening, I believe these changes will not adversely affect the Chapter's mission of building houses for those in need. In fact they should improve our ability to be of service.

Another change involves the delivery of our newsletter. We will be able to improve our delivery of the newsletter if it is done via email. I urge all of you to seriously consider this option and to verify your current email address by emailing it to Sue Salter at [fmcahfst08@hotmail.com](mailto:fmcahfst08@hotmail.com). For those who do not have an email address we will continue to mail the newsletter.

At the convention in St. Paul we will have a Habitat for Humanity table in the information area. I invite all planning to attend the convention to visit the table and help when you can. We will also be presenting a seminar talking about Habitat for Humanity and how RVs can get involved. The Chapter meeting will be Thursday, July 17, 2:30 PM, be sure to check the convention program.

Get involved, the work is enjoyable, the friendships made are wonderful and the rewards are out of this world.

*Bill McL*

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The INTO area will be hosting the 2009 International Convention of FMCA being held in Perry, Georgia. Our chapter has volunteered to gather a team to handle duties in the information area. Handing out mail, locator cards and etc. will be part of our duties. Our chapter booth is usually located in the same area. It will be convenient for us to help in both places.

If you plan to attend the convention, please notify Deann Harrington that you are coming and are willing to help. She will coordinate our workers with the INTO leaders. E-mail preferred: [lyndeann@hughes.net](mailto:lyndeann@hughes.net) or cell: (518) 586-6594 or (518) 744-8889.



## 2008 BUILD SCHEDULE

Deann Harrington, VP Build Coordinator



MADISON, Wis. June 15-27, 2008; Following the INTO Rally in Oshkosh, Wis., Team leaders are Fred and Ronda O'Donnell. BUILD IS FULL.

MANKATO, Minn. July 20-Aug. 1, 2008; after the FMCA Convention in St. Paul, Minn. Team Leaders: Tom and Marion Braum. (One coach still needed.) MUST CALL RV DESK TO SIGN UP FOR THIS ONE. 1-800-422-4828 Ext. 7534



### PLANS IN PROGRESS:

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS AREA, Aug. 11 – 22, 2008; after the Northeast Area rally. Build site pending. To sign up, call Team Leaders Bill and Rosemary McLaughlin starting June 16 after 10:00 a.m. EST. (860) 395-4599

ARKANSAS AREA, Before or after the South Central Area Rally, Sept. 2008.  
(More detail in the next newsletter.)

### FUTURE BUILDS:

OCALA, Fla. February 8-21, 2009, after the Brooksville Southeast Area Rally. Team Leaders: Fred and Ronda O'Donnell.

AMERICUS, Ga. – March 22 to April 4, 2009. Special renovation project at HFHI. Team Leaders: Dave and Sue Salter.

### SIGN-UP PROCEDURE -- UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

Bill's letter on the previous page explains the changes at Americus, HFHI headquarters. Bill has arranged with David Minich for me to continue planning our chapter builds in the interim. SIGNUPS WILL BE LISTED FOR EACH BUILD. THE TEAM LEADERS OR YOUR BUILD COORDINATOR WILL BE TAKING THE SIGN-UPS BY PHONE ON THE DATE LISTED AND AFTER.

TEAM LEADERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED; CALL OR E-MAIL ME WITH THE TIME AND PLACE YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD.



Please remember that your ideas for builds are always welcome. If you've worked with someone that you think might be able to host us, contact me. [lynndeann@hughes.net](mailto:lynndeann@hughes.net) or Cell: (518) 586-6594 or (518) 744-8889.

Happy Building – Safe Travels! Deann

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We emailed, re-emailed, sent and re-sent postcards. For 2007, we tried to contact all 81 members about their delinquent dues. As of May 31, 2008, we have had 20 renewals, 9 declines on renewing and 52 no replies. So, we have removed 61 names from our roster. However, we have added 11 new members so far this year, which gives us 207 paid-up members at this time.

We would like to encourage any members attending the St. Paul Convention to come by our table and sign up to "tend" our booth for a few hours. There will be sign-up sheets on the table as soon as we get set up. If you sign up and are not able to make that time slot, PLEASE let me know so we can get replacements. We do not want the booth left unattended.

My cell phone number is: (214) 546-1942 and Sue's is: (214) 546-3804 (these will also be on the sign in sheets).

Dave Salter, Vice-President, Membership

**Treasurer's Report from Sue Salter** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

<u>Wells Fargo Checking:</u>	
Beginning Balance 2/20/08	\$ 8,424.60
Income:	833.00
Expenses:	<u>332.84</u>
Balance 5-31-08	\$ 8,767.76

AMERICUS – Project Code 1108012

Building Fund as of 5-31-08:	\$ 33,112.81
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CHAPTER DUES  
 Dues are \$15/year or \$25 / 2 years  
 and expire on 12/31/2008  
 Make check payable to:  
 FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity®  
 Mail to:  
 FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity  
 3590 Round Bottom Road  
 Cincinnati, OH, 45244  
 Attn: Sue Salter #F307408



**DONATION INFORMATION**

FMCA Chapter members can support the Habitat for Humanity mission of eliminating poverty housing worldwide by mailing their donation to:

**HFHI  
RV Care-A-Vanners/FMCA  
PO Box 369  
Americus, GA 31709**

Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity International. For your contribution to be credited to FMCA, PLEASE place "**Project Code 1108012**" on the check's memo line.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am "on a mission" to verify and correct the email addresses we have on file. If you haven't received one already, please watch for an email from Sue Salter – [fmcahfst08@hotmail.com](mailto:fmcahfst08@hotmail.com). If you have filters on your email, it may be directed to your junk mail, so please check your junk mail before you empty that folder.

What I need from you is a reply verifying that the address is correct. Also, after your last name, there will be a date, i.e. 12/08 or 12/10. This is your due's expiration date. We're working on a different way of notifying members that their dues will be expiring soon.

Your help will be appreciated.

Happy Trails! Sue Salter



**ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS!!! STARS on HFHI ROSTERS**

HFHI has a new computer system. Rosters have a \* by people's name. That used to mean a new builder. However, now it means absolutely nothing!! They claim that it cannot be changed. So, leaders and participants, please disregard the \*'s by your name. Leaders will have to ask to know who are first time builders.

<b>CHECK OUR CHAPTER WEB SITE . . . FMCA-HFH.COM TO VIEW PHOTOS AND READ ABOUT RECENT BUILDS.</b>
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<b>CHANGE IS INEVITABLE - WHAT DO YOU DO?</b>  All changes to personal information, addresses, e-mails, etc., should be sent to the secretary at <a href="mailto:fmcahfst08@hotmail.com">fmcahfst08@hotmail.com</a> or by snail mail to our Chapter address at 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244.
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## TEAM LEADERS AND TRAINING --- IT MAY BE FOR YOU!!!

New or experienced team leaders are always needed to lead our chapter builds. Many people who are asked, say "I am not versed in construction". Our leaders do not need to be construction experts. An affiliate's site supervisor is on hand for all of our builds to guide the actual construction work. Our leaders act only as a liaison between the affiliate and the team participants. Leaders handle communications, paperwork and act as a guide to get volunteers to plan social outings, devotions, serve snacks and lunch if needed. Participants work as a team during the two-week build, the leaders do not do it alone. When work is complete, the leader prepares a short report on what work was done, files a report of how the build fee was used and e-mails it to the VP-Build Coordinator. A CD is provided to each leader containing the Team Leader Guidelines and needed forms. The VP-Build Coordinator will hold a Team Leader workshop at conventions. Anyone interested in learning more about this important part of our chapter builds, may contact the VP-Build Coordinator at: [lynndeann@hughes.net](mailto:lynndeann@hughes.net) or phone: (518) 586-6594.



### FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S SEAT

There is little to report at this time except an action by the Governing Board at Redmond, Oregon, that impacts all National Directors, present and future. A budget-cutting item approved by the Governing Board at Redmond was the elimination of electric reimbursement for Governing Board members for the summer convention. Previously, National Directors were reimbursed after the convention. This has upset a few of the National Directors but the majority felt it was a necessary budget reduction item.

The change in signup procedures announced by Bill in his opening article is an opportunity for the chapter to take responsibility for our own destiny. The recent difficulty the RV Desk has experienced in obtaining volunteers to man the RV Desk and phones may be the results of the growing fuel crisis but also the reorganization of the Global Village organization. How long we will be responsible for our own signups is unknown but through the remainder of 2008 is a reasonable guess.

It has been reported but not confirmed, that a person or persons unknown, may be signing up new members and not forwarding the information and dues to our chapter. While the incident in question appears to be isolated, in this time of financial crunch for many, we can expect almost anything from those who feel desperate. If in your travels you see someone recruiting for our chapter, you might identify yourself and offer to assist. If they are legitimate, they will welcome the help; if not, they will most likely vanish.

The coming national convention at St. Paul will provide an opportunity for national directors to again tackle issues that concern the members of FMCA. If you have issues that you feel should be addressed, please contact me so that we can discuss your thoughts.

Fred O'Donnell

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