

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....



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FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®
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LET'S BUILD TOGETHER Bill McLaughlin, President

Greetings,

We held our Chapter meeting at the FMCA Convention, Perry, Ga. One item on the agenda was to vote on the issue of our build sign-up procedure. The motion asking for a return to a build leader method for sign-up was withdrawn at the meeting. Therefore, no vote was necessary and our sign-up procedure remains as is. To sign up for a Chapter build contact the RV Care-A-Vanner desk in Americus, Ga, 1 (800) HABITAT, Ext. 2446.

The Chapter had an outstanding display booth in the information center at the convention. We visited with many, including Jwana Washington and Ginger Dunn from the RV Care-A-Vanner desk. A dozen or so visitors signed on as new Chapter members.

While talking with visitors at the Chapter booth, I was impressed with the quantity and quality of volunteerism. People are donating their time and talents to assist those in need throughout the country. There are many organizations involved in this effort. Our FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity is very much a part of this work and we can be proud of our involvement.

While attending the convention we had the opportunity to visit Koinonia Farm, the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity, and the Habitat for Humanity office in Americus. The devastating tornado that hit Americus this spring did not damage Habitat for Humanity International offices, but homes of several employees and several Habitat for Humanity homes were damaged or destroyed. The hospital and a Winn-Dixie store plus numerous other properties were also destroyed. Many Habitat for Humanity employees and volunteers are helping with the cleanup.

Our thanks to Linda and Art Gercken for all the time and effort in compiling and printing our new "What's Cooking" Chapter cookbook. Great job! To purchase a book contact Rosemary and me and we'll send one. The cost for the cookbook of favorite recipes (many have been savored at build potlucks) is \$8. Because Linda and Art donated all of the cost of this first printing, all proceeds are profit and will go into our Chapter build fund.

Following the FMCA convention, 20 Chapter members worked with the Houston County Habitat for Humanity Affiliate. We had a great two weeks in Perry, Ga., building from a slab to a completely enclosed house. Good fellowship, good weather, good food, good job!

Get involved; the work is enjoyable and the rewards are out of this world!

Bill McL

2007 BUILD SCHEDULE

JOHN LEE, VP BUILD COORDINATOR



BATTLE CREEK, Mich. May 29-June 8, 2007. After the GLASS Rally in Berrien Springs, Mich. SIGN-UPS OPENED Feb. 26, 2007. Team leaders are John and Carol Lee.

BEND, Ore. August 19-31, 2007. After the FMCA convention in Redmond Ore. SIGN-UPS OPEN May 15, 2007, after 10 a.m. ET. Linda Walden/Lynn Laymon are team leaders

*SIGN-UP PROCEDURE:

All Chapter build sign-ups are done by calling the HFHI RV coordinator (the RV info desk) toll free at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 2446, after 10 a.m. ET on or after the *SIGN-UPS OPEN* date listed for the build. E-mail and voice mail requests will not be acknowledged; you must speak with someone in the RV office.

Note: There may or may not be a team leader in place when you sign up for a build. If there is one assigned by the SIGN-UP date but not listed, just ask the RV desk or you may check with me, John, by phone at (256) 366-0754 or by e-mail at skp45322@hotmail.com.

TEAM LEADERS are needed prior to builds. Volunteer to be a team leader for future or listed builds by contacting me, John Lee, chapter build coordinator, by phone at (256) 366-0754 or by e-mail at skp45322@hotmail.com.

It is not too early to start planning for 2008!

The chapter will have builds:

1. on the West Coast after the Pomona Convention,
2. in Florida after Brooksville,
3. after the G.L.A.S.S. rally,
4. after the St. Paul convention and
5. at several other times and locations.



Soon I will be working on planning these future builds. Hopefully, one or more of these builds will fit in your schedule. Look for more information in the fall newsletter. Plan ahead to be a builder or a team leader.

For additional build experiences, please read the Care-A-Vanner newsletter. There will still be plenty of opportunities in the Gulf and other areas of the country.

Good building and safe travels! John

Treasurer Report \$ \$ \$ Deann Harrington

WELLS FARGO CHECKING:

Balance 1/30/07	\$10,821.53
Income	\$1,067.00
Expenses:	\$5,186.93
Balance 04/16/07	<u>\$ 6,701.60</u>

AMERICUS GV2601

Building fund: 4/16/07	\$26,623.51
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70 members with expired dues.

Dues are \$15/year or \$25/2 years
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FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity®
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Attn: Deann Harrington #239447

FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®
CONDENSED MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2007 PERRY, GA.

Meeting came to order 3:02 P.M. – Bill McLaughlin, president presiding. He welcomed all and wished a “Happy Birthday” to Fred O’Donnell.

Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation by Floyd Hager
SECRETARY REPORT: A motion was made to dispense with reading of minutes, seconded and passed. Minutes of the Charlotte meeting were approved as printed in newsletter.

TREASURER REPORT: (see page 2 for report)
Membership was told that exec. board voted to move \$5,000 from Wells Fargo account to the GV2601 account at Americus.

Deann was asked to research if money guidelines for spending the GV2601 monies are in our standing rules. A member asked for a history of how the monies in Americus account have been spent. Deann spoke of the houses built and funded by our chapter and FMCA in Great Bend, Kan.; Bethel, Ohio; Dowagiac, Mich.; and Lenoir, N.C.

AUDIT REPORT: Carol Lee read the audit statement that she and Bill Ferguson prepared after they completed a review of our chapter books during this convention. The Wells Fargo account balance was confirmed.

VP-BUILD REPORT: Leaders are in place for Battle Creek, Mich., John and Carol Lee and for Bend, Ore., Lynn Laymon and Linda Walden. Builds in Dade City and Ocala, Fla. this winter were successful.

The team leader workshop had two couples and two singles participate at this convention.

VP- MEMBERSHIP: Thanks were given to booth staffers. We accepted 17 new members and one reinstatement during this convention. Booth is getting the HFH message across.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Fred O’Donnell encouraged personal recruitment for all members to bring in new and younger members. Our chapter has a purpose that

appeals to many retired folks. Talk it up to everyone you meet. FMCA as a whole is hurting for new members. We can all play a part in its increase.

Bill told about the Wednesday visit by Jwana Washington and Ginger from the RV Care-A-Vanner desk to our FMCA convention.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Members were informed of the nominating committee - Lynn Harrington, LaVerne Cabell, and David Lewis - and asked to contact one of them if they wish to run for an office. Next election is at Pomona convention, March 2008.

VISITORS INTRODUCED: Connie Pool, sr. vice president –FMCA; Jay Blumenthal, pres. INTO area; Fred O’Donnell, sec. INTO area; Joann Durbin, candidate for national secretary of FMCA. **Joann (correction made 6/1/07)** spoke to members about her qualifications for office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bill reported that the sign-up procedure will remain as currently done. The motion made and tabled at Charlotte meeting has been withdrawn by the maker, Corbett Pool.

A motion was made by Carl Greenbaum, seconded and passed to make the addition and change to our bylaws, as printed in our winter newsletter. They will now be sent to FMCA bylaws committee for their approval.

A motion was made by John Lee to approve the change and addition to our Standing Rules as printed in our winter newsletter. It was seconded and passed.

Volunteer for the next audit of chapter treasurer’s records was Bob Mills.

New members and new team leaders were introduced.

Connie Pool made a motion to close the meeting at 3:50 p.m., seconded and passed.

Submitted by secretary, Deann W. Harrington

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE --- WHAT DO YOU DO?

All changes to personal information, addresses, e-mails, etc., should be sent to the secretary at lynndeann@aol.com or by snail mail to our chapter address at 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244.



Check Web site . . .
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photos and read about
recent builds.

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From Your Membership V.P.

The excellent convention at Perry has just ended. Just under 4,000 family rigs were in attendance and your chapter signed up 17 new members and one former member reinstated his affiliation with the chapter. Bill McLaughlin and I conducted the "Making a Difference through Habitat for Humanity" seminar, which was well attended. As of convention's end, we have 280 members.



The booth was quite busy the first few days of the convention but the traffic tapered off as other activities got into full swing. I want to thank all the members who helped staff the booth. The Harringtons, McLaughlins, and Pasettos carried the load but were ably supported by many members, including the McBains, Barri Amor, John Juarez, Nick Bentley, Carell Harder, John Lee, Nancy Dile, and the Ronkens, Darlington Pfitzingers, and Christensens. If I missed someone, I apologize but know that your help in spreading the Chapter and Habitat word is appreciated.

As I write this article, I am working on the Perry build. After the Perry build, we will be heading to the INTO rally in Delaware. We will have booth space in the vendor area and with other Chapter members will conduct a 50/50 raffle for the benefit of Habitat. Memphis for the GEAR rally and Berrien Springs for the GLASS rally will be our last stops before Redmond. We hope to see many of our Habitat Chapter friends along the way and, hopefully, make some new ones.

Doug Key

\$\$\$\$ 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 "Event Code GV2601" on the check's memo line.

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