

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....



**Official Newsletter of the  
FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®  
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**LET'S BUILD TOGETHER .... Bill McLaughlin, President**

Greetings,

I am sorry we were unable to attend the convention in Redmond, Ore. By all reports, Deann Harrington did a very good job of conducting the Chapter meeting, and Lynn Laymon and Linda Walden took good care of the HFH Seminar. Thanks for a good job.

Much has happened with FMCA and our Chapter since our last newsletter. FMCA elections for National Officers were held at the convention in Redmond, Ore. The results are:

National President:	Connie Pool
Sr. Vice President:	Nelson Stubbs
Secretary:	Joanne Durbin
Treasurer:	Doug Key

Three of the new officers are members of FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity. Connie and Corbet Pool have been active members, working on many builds; Joanne and Max Durbin have been Chapter members for many years; and Doug Key has been active as our VP - Membership. Congratulations to the new officers.

Our nominating committee, Lynn Harrington, LaVerne Cabell, and Carol Lee, is seeking candidates for all of the offices in the Chapter. As a special note, the offices of VP - Build Coordinator and Treasurer will be vacated due to term limits reached, and Doug Key resigned as VP - Membership when he was elected National Treasurer. Give it a think and contact any member of the nominating committee to learn more and to become involved.

I want to share with you information from an interesting article from the July 19th issue of USA Today, written about the efforts of volunteers that abound following the Katrina blow. The title of the article is, " Faith rebuilds house and soul. Volunteers, not angels are heaven sent to homeowners." Officials estimate that more than 650,000 volunteers have helped, and continue to help, in Louisiana and Mississippi, to improve nearly 55,000 homes. Habitat for Humanity has been and continues to be a major player in this rebuilding effort.

Our Chapter continues to assist people by means of the Chapter build in Bend, Ore., immediately following the FMCA Convention. To become part of this world-class effort, check the VP - Build Coordinator's report in this newsletter for a list of upcoming builds. Get involved, the work is enjoyable, the friendships made are wonderful, and the rewards are out of this world.

*Bill McL*

# 2007 BUILD SCHEDULE

JOHN LEE, VP BUILD COORDINATOR



**OCALA, Fla. February 10-22, 2008; This follows the Southeastern Rally in Brooksville, Fla. SIGN-UPS OPEN Nov. 13, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are needed!**

**DADE CITY, Fla. February 10-22, 2008; This follows the Southeastern Rally in Brooksville, Fla. SIGN-UPS OPEN Nov. 13, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are needed!**

**POMONA, Calif. March 2-14, 2008; This follows the FMCA convention in Pomona, Calif. SIGN-UPS OPEN Dec. 4, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Lynn and Deann Harrington are the Team Leaders.**

**DOWAGIAC, Mich. May 25-June 7, 2008; This follows the GLASS Rally in Berrien Springs, Mich. SIGN-UPS OPEN Feb. 26, 2008 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are needed!**

**MANKATO, Minn. JULY 20-AUG. 1, 2008; This is after the FMCA Convention in St. Paul, Minn. SIGN-UPS OPEN Apr. 22, 2008 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are needed.**



## \*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](mailto: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](mailto:skp45322@hotmail.com).



**NOTE:** The above procedures will be true through the March FMCA Convention when someone else will take over this responsibility. I have served this position for two terms.

*Good building and safe travels! John*

## Treasurer Report    \$ \$ \$    Deann Harrington

### WELLS FARGO CHECKING:

Balance 3/1/07	\$10,956.53
Income	\$1,729.50
Expenses:	\$5,800.84
Balance 7/30/07	<u>\$ 6,885.19</u>

### AMERICUS GV2601

Building fund: 7/30/07 = \$30,720.47

Dues are \$15/year or \$25/2 years

Make check payable to:

FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity®

and mail to:

FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity®

3590 Round Bottom Road

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Attn: Deann Harrington #239447

FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®  
CONDENSED MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2007 - Redmond, Oregon

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Secretary, Deann Harrington.

OFFICERS ABSENT –Bill McLaughlin, John Lee, Marion Braum, Marilyn McBain. Doug Key was introduced as a guest and our newly elected National Treasurer.

GUESTS: Connie Pool, Nat'l Sr. VP and newly elected National President and Jay Blumenthal, INTO area VP

OFFICERS' REPORTS – See a synopsis of these reports on other pages of this newsletter except for the following:

VP - MEMBERSHIP – Membership total: end of 2006 – 257; Deletes for unpaid dues as of June, 2007 = 54; new members so far in 2007 – 42; August, 2007 total = 245 members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. There are no guidelines for spending GV2601 in our standing rules. We do not handle this money. It is held by HFHI for our building efforts. Our Chapter has helped build four funded houses and sent \$8,000 to Global Village to fund two houses in Honduras.
2. Bylaw changes that we approved at Charlotte meeting have been approved by the National Bylaws Committee. We still need to reword two paragraphs to match changes made in FMCA national bylaws. They will be ready for review at Pomona.
3. On Mar. 24, 2005, a motion was made to restrict member comments at future meetings to Chapter business. Linda Walden made a motion to put this in our Standing Rules. It was seconded. Following discussion the motion was defeated. It was suggested that the motion is too vague. The Executive Board was asked to prepare a motion that more definitely restricts candidates from speaking at our meetings and bring it to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominating committee was introduced, Lynn Harrington, LaVerne Cabell and David Lewis (absent). **Editor's Comment: Carol Lee has replaced Dave Lewis since meeting.** Lynn stated that all offices are open for election in Feb. 2008 at the Pomona convention. The VP-Build Coordinator and Treasurer have reached their term limits and must have replacements. Please contact a nominating committee member to volunteer.
2. INTO Rally will be in Oshkosh, Wis., on June 12-15, 2008. The theme is Pirates. Jay will contact John Lee to see if a build can be organized in conjunction with this rally.
3. The FMCA Perry 2009 Convention will be hosted by the INTO area. Please think about our Chapter volunteering to help as a Chapter at that rally.
4. Arlene Kaminski asked how not having a booth affected the Chapter. Deann stated that it was a HFHI booth as an FMCA charity, not a Chapter booth. We did, however, gain membership from it. This convention saw only three new members. Jay stated that we may have a booth at the INTO rally as HFHI is an official charity. Doug stated that he will lobby the executive board members to reinstate the booth. He also stated that we need members to build houses and our banner at builds helps to advertise FMCA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made and a MOTION TO CLOSE made by Arlene Kaminski at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Deann W. Harrington



Check Web site . . .  
[fmca-hfh.com](http://fmca-hfh.com) to  
view photos and  
read about recent  
builds.

**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](mailto:lynndeann@aol.com) or by snail mail to our Chapter address at 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## National Director's Report

Good news was hard to find at the 2007 FMCA Convention in Redmond, Ore. Attendance was as expected; fewer than 2,700 family and 850 display coaches. Rising fuel prices and distance were the most-often-cited reason for the poor attendance.

The major issue facing this year's Governing Board was the 2008 FMCA budget. National Treasurer, Jim Kern, reported a loss of over \$1,000,000 in advertising revenue in the Family Motor Coaching Magazine for 2007. This loss in income and the loss of over 3,000 members per year forced the budget committee to recommend across-the-board reductions for 2008.

The most significant item selected for reduction is the printing of the alpha/numeric membership rosters found in the January issue of the magazine. This item accounts for \$200,000 of the annual budget. After some discussion, the Governing Board agreed with the committee's recommendation and approved the discontinuation of the listing.

Another committee recommendation was the elimination of the volunteer dinner at the annual conventions. The committee recommended replacing the dinner with a \$10 convention dollar voucher; a recommendation that the Governing Board did not approve.

Elimination of the commemorative pins given each attendee at the annual conventions was next on the committee's cut list. At a cost of \$15,000 per convention, the committee felt that the pins should be sold to members desiring to purchase one or more. A limited number were purchased for resale at the Redmond convention and were sold out the first day. This suggested that the membership liked the pins and were willing to pay for them, if necessary. The Governing Board elected to restore the pins to the 2008 budget.

The remaining budget items passed without discussion and the Governing Board tackled the major issue, electing new officers. The election resulted in the election of Connie Pool, President; Nelson Stubbs, Sr., Vice President; Joanne Durbin, Secretary; and Doug Key, Treasurer.

While 2008 will be a lean year for the budget, the core benefits that we enjoy as members remains untouched. Hopefully, 2009 will see a turn-around in advertising and membership.

Fred O'Donnell

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## \$\$\$\$ 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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