

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,

Recent newsletters have talked about our Chapter build sign-up procedures. The motion calling for a return to team leader registration for Chapter builds has been withdrawn at the request of the person making the motion. Therefore, the tabled motion will not require a vote at the FMCA Convention in Perry, Ga.

I want to review how our present "Build Sign-Up Procedure" works:

- 1.) 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.
- 2.) The Care-A-Vanner RV desk will have at least two (2) people available to answer phones on sign-up days.
- 3.) FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity® will remain consistent with all of the many groups operating under the Care-A-Vanner umbrella.

FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity has a close working relationship with Habitat for Humanity International. Although the present sign-up system functions well, we will continue to work together to improve our build sign-up procedures. As we work toward improving our procedures, we must keep in mind that one of the key elements for a successful build is having a team leader.

A very important part of our 2007 build year is to have a team leader in place as we announce the builds. I encourage everyone to think about being a team leader and to let John Lee, Build Coordinator, know that you want to become involved.

Our FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity's display panel is a very effective sales tool. We will have it set up at our booth at the convention in Perry, Ga., March 18-22. We will also be participating in the Chapter Fair. I encourage any who will be at the FMCA Convention to sign on for a two-hour shift. We can use the help and it's fun.

We have an aggressive build schedule planned for 2007, which will provide many opportunities to get involved with a build. The need is great and the rewards are huge.

Bill McL

2007 BUILD SCHEDULE

JOHN LEE, VP BUILD COORDINATOR



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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, at: phone (256) 366-0754 or e-mail skp45322@hotmail.com.

SAN FERNANDO-SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, Calif. **Important Notice:** This build is rescheduled in consideration of the affiliate for May 7-18, 2007. SIGN-UPS OPENED Oct. 16, 2006 10 a.m. ET. Team leaders are David and Sharon Lewis.

OCALA, Fla. and DADE CITY, Fla. Feb. 12-23, 2007. Following the Southeast Area Rally in Brooksville, Fla. SIGN-UPS OPENED Nov. 13, 2006. Team Leaders for Ocala, Fla., are Corbett and Connie Pool. Team leaders for Dade City, Fla., are Barri and Rosemary Amor. Both builds are FULL.

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. March 25-April 6, 2007. After the FMCA Convention in Perry, Ga. SIGN-UPS OPENED Dec. 11, 2006 after 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are Don and Marilyn McBain. Build is FULL.

CORDELE, Ga. March 25-April 6, 2007. After the FMCA Convention in Perry, Ga. SIGN-UPS OPEN Dec. 11, 2006 after 10 a.m. ET. Leaders and participants needed or **THIS BUILD WILL BE CANCELLED!**

Going to the Eastern Area Rally at Memphis, Tenn.? The affiliate in Hattiesburg, Miss. would like to host a team of 15 RVs to help with building houses for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. **This is not a chapter build, but for anyone wishing to help Katrina victims.** They will provide water, electric, and sewer. They also have wireless Internet and cable hook-ups. The cost is \$10/person. The dates are April 22-May 5; May 6-26; June 17-30; July 8-21. If you are interested in signing up please contact the RV desk immediately.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. May 29-June 8, 2007. After the GLASS Rally in Berien Springs, Mich. SIGN-UPS OPEN Feb. 26, 2007 after 10 a.m. ET. Team leaders are John and Carol Lee.

BEND, Ore. August 19-31, 2007. After the FMCA Convention in Redmond, Oregon. SIGN-UPS OPEN May 15, 2007 after 10 a.m. ET. Team leaders are needed! Contact me, John (see below).

WANT to be a TEAM LEADER? Volunteer to be a team leader for future or listed builds by contacting me, John Lee, chapter build coordinator, phone: (256) 366-0754 or e-mail: skp45322@hotmail.com.

Good building and safe travels! John



DUES DUE --- REPEAT --- DUES DUE

FMCA numbers for people with dues due were published in the last newsletter. If you have not sent them in, your dues expired on 12/31/06. We do not want to lose you as members; please send them in by March 31, 2007, to avoid being removed from the mailing list of membership.

Membership is only \$15 / year or \$25 / 2 years. Send to Chapter address: 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45244
Attn: Deann Harrington #239447

Treasurer Report \$ \$ \$ Deann Harrington	BE READY TO VOTE!!
<p>WELLS FARGO CHECKING:</p> <p>Balance 10/30/06 \$ 9,551.37 Income \$1,364.00 Expenses 93.84 Balance 01/30/07 <u>\$10,821.53</u></p> <p>AMERICUS GV2601</p> <p>Balance 10/30/06 \$20,538.26 Income \$3,162.00 Expenses 0.00 Balance 01/30/07 <u>\$23,700.26</u></p>	<p>BYLAW and STANDING RULE CHANGES</p> <p>Refer to the last newsletter to review the changes proposed by the Executive Board. The changes will be voted on by the membership at the meeting in Perry, Ga., in March 2007. Please read over the changes and consider your vote prior to the meeting. Most of the changes are being made so that the Chapter operations will be in line with the FMCA operations.</p>

Your Membership V.P. Always Looking for New Members and Helpers



Judy and I attended the WMHA rally in Indio. The booth, set up in the main lobby, was clearly visible to all attending morning coffee, seminars and evening entertainment. More than 150 applications were taken from the mostly unmanned booth. Several chapter members, including Connie and Corbett Pool, David Lewis, and myself, engaged in discussions with booth visitors. Time will tell how successful the recruiting effort was but at least the Chapter received substantial recognition.

We will be in Perry and hope to set up the booth on Sunday the 18th. Bill and I will participate in the Chapter Fair on Monday. We will need volunteers to help man the booth during the Convention so if you will be in Perry, let me know if you can help. We will also be taking the booth to the INTO rally in Delaware (April) and the GEAR rally in Memphis (May).

Judy and I look forward to seeing you in March.

Doug Key

Would you like your newsletters e-mailed?

We can stop sending out hard copies of the newsletter to those who wish to receive it via e-mail. Simply e-mail tom@braum.com and state that you would like:

1. the newsletter e-mailed to you (as a PDF attachment) or
2. an e-mail notice to you with a link to download the newsletter online.

These above options will be done via a mass-mailing process. If your system is set to not accept mass mailings, reconsider your decision or make sure you allow mailings from tom@braum.com and braum@qwest.net.

Save postage for both the Chapter and yourself if your mail is forwarded. Remember it'll be your responsibility to keep us informed of your current e-mail address.

FROM YOUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR:

The Board of Directors of FMCA met November 16-17, 2006, in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Among the many items discussed and voted upon was the redesign of the FMCA magazine. Don Eversmann, FMCA Executive Director, reported that Bates Creative Group would be presenting three different design templates to the magazine staff in December 2006. As of this report, the template should have been selected. The selected design will then be used for the new FMCA magazine to be released in Spring 2007.

Those attending the FMCA Convention at Perry may experience a few changes instituted by the FMCA Board. Effective immediately, caravans will be parked in the general parking area (generator, 7 am - 11 pm only). The volunteer dinner is now history at all conventions. At Perry, you'll receive a voucher for \$10 to show appreciation for your efforts. Whether or not the volunteer dinner was important to you, it is important that we keep in mind that without volunteers, there would be no rallies or conventions. Your continued support is what keeps FMCA alive and relevant.

A proposal by the Finance Committee to create a charge structure for the mail-forwarding service (it currently is free) was defeated. The proposal was made in consideration of the cost of operating the forwarding service and the relatively few members who use it. The committee recommended that the charge structure should be at a substantial discount to competing mail-forwarding services. The Board, however, reasoned that any increase might devalue a benefit of membership and therefore defeated the proposal.

The Education Committee reported on a safe-driving course that is under development by RVSEF. The committee will be reevaluating the course in May 2007. Cost for the course for FMCA members will be \$20.

I look forward to seeing you in Perry.

Fred O'Donnell

\$\$\$\$ 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.

Check Web site . . .



fmca-hfh.com to view photos and read about recent builds.

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Linda Walden (and Lynn Laymon)

"HOT OFF THE PRESS" and then "HOT OUT OF THE OVEN"

Linda Gercken has volunteered to assemble a cookbook of Habitat build-friendly and "favorite" recipes. Please submit yours to Linda via e-mail, agercken@msn.com. Thanks.

