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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2024 year is approaching the halfway mark. I hope to see a bunch of you in **Muscogee**, **Oklahoma in May for our Roadtrek International Chapter Meeting** and the FMCA INTO rally immediately after. (Sign up for both. They are at the same location.) Please read the pages that follow about the exciting things we have planned for the Chapter Meeting, and then more fun at the INTO rally.

We finally have more information on **Save the Date: Aug. 13-15**th **for the Roadtrek Manufacturers 50**th **Anniversary event in Canada.** Stay alert for possible e-mails about this event as it develops. You will be signing up directly with Roadtrek (<u>not</u> our Chapter and <u>not</u> at the campground in Canada.

Toward the end of the newsletter, our Chapter calendar gives all the dates and places for rallies and meet-ups still coming up for the rest of this year. Also it gives the FMCA Area meetings and the 109th International Convention in Oregon. Our Roadtrek events are explained in more detail and tell you how to sign up in the Region Sections of the newsletter. If you have an event or rally idea for later this year or for next year let me know your thoughts so we can add them to "rallies in the making" category.

Safe travels for everyone

Chris Oberhoffer, Roadtrek International President

SAVE THE DATES August 13th-15th for a special 50th anniversary event in Canada. Get your passports updated and watch for more information in our next newsletter, cyberally, and Roadtrek International e-mails for more information to participate in this event.



Unveiling Roadtrek's Exclusive 50th Anniversary Apparel Collection!



Some Celebrate 50 Years of Adventure with Our Limited Edition Collection!



In honor of our 50th anniversary, we've crafted a spectacular range of exclusive apparel that captures the essence of the Roadtrek journey. Featuring the iconic 3 windows and our commemorative 50th-anniversary crest, these limited edition pieces are a true testament to the legacy and spirit of Roadtrek.

Go to Roadtrek.com and click on apparel store.

information from Canada about the **Following** Roadtrek more Manufacturers 50th Anniversary event in Canada as mentioned in President message.



Heading: Celebrate 50 Years of Roadtrek Adventures With Us!

Dear Roadtrek International Members,

As we gear up to celebrate a monumental milestone, Roadtrek's 50th Anniversary, we're reminded of the spirit, adventure, and camaraderie that have defined our journey together. This special event is not just a reflection of our past but a celebration of our future – and you, our cherished RTI members, are at the heart of it.

We invite you to join us in this grand celebration, where we'll honor our legacy, share stories, and look forward to the innovation that lies ahead. Expect exclusive factory tours, engaging seminars, and memorable encounters with the Roadtrek team and fellow enthusiasts. Your participation is central to making this event a success, and we can't wait to reconnect and share this incredible experience with you.

Save the Date: August 13, 2024 - August 15, 2024 Location: <u>Guelph Lake Conservation Area</u> and <u>Map</u>

*Important Note Regarding Registration for the 50th Anniversary Rally at Guelph Lake

We want to ensure clarity regarding the registration process for the upcoming 50th anniversary rally at Guelph Lake. Please note that all tickets and reservations are managed exclusively through Roadtrek and not directly with Guelph Lake. A registration link will be provided at a later time for those who are interested in attending. Any one who reserves through Guelph Lake will not be permitted entry into our Rally.

What's Awaiting You:

Exclusive Factory Tours: A peek behind the curtains at how your beloved Roadtreks are crafted.

Focus Groups: Share your invaluable insights and help shape the future of Roadtrek. Meet and Greet: With our new CEO Massimiliano Petrazzini and the Roadtrek Sales Team, including your favorites - Canada Mike and California Dave.

Expert Seminars: Learn from the best in the industry.

Fun Activities: From Vendor Alley to live entertainment and recreational activities, there's something for everyone.

Your voice and story are what make Roadtrek a family. Let's come together to celebrate our collective journey, share our dreams, and set the course for the next 50 years.

We encourage you to sign up and register your intent to stay updated and know when you can secure your spot at the 50th Anniversary Rally. Visit our website www.rally.roadtrek.com.

Together, let's drive into the future, celebrate our legacy, and continue to build our Roadtrek community.

Warm regards, Kylie Johnson, Head of Marketing and The Roadtrek Team

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What is the relationship between FMCA, INTO and RTI? ARTICLE

Contributed by Phyllis Slaughter

If you received the link to this newsletter via email, you are a member of RTI or Roadtrek International.

And you need to continue to be a member of FMCA also.

So, what is INTO? FMCA is divided into 10 geographic areas. If all the members of the chapter live in the same state or area, they are a chapter within the area they operate. For example, the Arkansas Travelers is a chapter with members from Arkansas only. They are part of the South-Central Area. The areas have rallies with their chapters. Any FMCA member can attend an area rally even if they are not living in the area or belong to any area chapter. For example, for years our Region 9 has held a rally within the Western Area Rally at Indio in January.

Roadtrek International has members all over the US and Canada. So, we are in the International Area or INTO. Other chapters under INTO include brand specific groups and common interest groups like Full Timers, Racecar Fans and Amateur Radio.

The next INTO rally is May 17-21 in Muskogee, OK. What happens at the INTO Rally? There are FMCA Benefits Update, Chapter Fair, Hot Dog Bash, Ice Cream Social, Coffee & Donuts, Breakfast, Ladies Tea. All spaces are full hookup and on concrete, 4 Nights Camping, Vendors, Seminars, 2 Nights Entertainment, Card Bingo, INTO Membership meeting, Picnic & More meals (breakfast, BBQ meal and Hot Dog supper) included. Read about it at: https://fmcainto.com/2023/09/mosey-into-muskogee/

This year we are holding our Roadtrek Chapter Rally a few days before (May 14-17) the INTO rally at the same location. Read about our Roadtrek Chapter rally elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Roadtrek Chapter Rally -- Mosey INTO Muskogee Early

The Roadtrek Chapter Rally will be held May 14-17, 2024, at the Hatbox Event Center in Muskogee, OK. It will be a pre-rally and held just before the INTO rally in the same location. We will be parked in the same sites for both rallies.

Our Roadtrek rally is an opportunity to meet other Roadtrek owners, trade information about our vehicles, travel tips, and get to know each other. We are still planning the details, but there will be the usual tech seminar, swap area and other activities. Every morning we will meet for continental breakfast and have dinner together. One activity planned is the" Tour of Homes" where we can see and hear about what others have done to their Roadtrek homes. There will be an award for "best in show " for the best home improvements.

We are planning on a small celebration of Roadtrek Corporation's 50 th Anniversary.

The Rally fee for the Roadtrek Rally is \$125 for one person in a Roadtrek, \$150 for Two people in a Roadtrek and \$175 for 3 people in a Roadtrek. The rally fee includes 3 nights camping (full hook-up), 3 continental breakfasts, 2 dinners, and other activities.

Sign up for the rally at: http://region7rally.org/

Send the rally fee to Phyllis.Slaughter@gmail.com via Zelle. You need a Zelle app on your phone or via your banking website. Or send a check to Phyllis Slaughter 407 Palomar Lane, Richardson, TX 75081 for the appropriate amount.

Registration will close May 2nd. After that date, any cancellations will result in a loss of some or all of the rally fee.

Sign up for INTO at

https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/events/INA24RegistrationForm.pdf

On the line that says "RV Type", enter Roadtrek Chapter. **Do not pay** for the extra night. That night is covered with the Roadtrek Rally fee.

For questions, contact phyllis.slaughter@gmail.com

2024 INTO AREA RALLY

MOSEY INTO MUSKOGEE

MAY 17-21, 2024

Hatbox Event Center - 630 S. 40th St., Muskogee, OK 74401 Friday, May 17, 2024 (arrival) to Tuesday, May 21, 2024 (departure)

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

FMCA Benefits Update • Chapter Fair • Hot Dog Bash • Ice Cream Social • Coffee & Donuts Breakfast • Ladies Tea • All spaces are full hookup and on concrete • 4 Nights Camping • Vendors Seminars • 2 Nights Entertainment • Card Bingo • INTO Membership meeting • Picnic & More

Last Name		Pilot's Name		_ Co-Pilot	
Address		City		State	Zp
Email		Phone set pretered		F#	
Guest Name(s)					
RV Type	(Class A	L.B, C, Filth Wheel, Trader, etc.)		RV Size _	
Volunteer to Help: YES:	NO	Parking: General	Handicapped		(plate or placard required

DESCRIPTION	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Coach 2 adults 50-amp Full hookup (Limited availability)	\$295		
Early Arrival, May 16	\$40		
Dry Camping	\$245		
Additional Guest each	\$30		
Additional Guest 15 & under	FREE		
Coach with 1 Adult	-\$30		
Ladies Tea	\$15		
		CONTRACTOR OF	

CANCELLATION/REFUNDS

Registration cancellation requests must be received no later than April 1, 2024. Requests received after this date will receive no refunds. Refund requests will be processed within 30 days of receipt and are subject to a non-refundable \$25.00 handling fee.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Utilities (electric, water & sewer) will be located 5 feet behind your RV.

Make sure you have sufficient hose and cable to make the connections.

Trailers and dollies will be parked separately from the RV.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Bob Weithofer bobww.fmca@gmail.com or call (615) 218-7530

TOTAL

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Mail completed form with check made out to:

> Nick Gilliam / INTO 4833 Royal Lane Dallas, TX 75229-4208



Sooke Vancouver Island Meet Up

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 8 Sooke Vancouver Island Meet Up

British Columbia, Canada May 23-26, 2024 By Teri Rostberg

The next event in Region 8 will be on Vancouver Island at the end of May. This has become an annual meetup which I attended for the first time last May and had a great time. The campground doesn't open until April but don't worry about reservations before that time since there are plenty of sites set aside for us. I have not made a reservation for the ferry yet but will soon. That week is between a Canadian holiday Victoria Day and Memorial Day so the ferry can get busy. I will probably take the BC ferry between Swartz Bay near Sydney to Vancouver BC (Tsawwassen) one direction. You can also take the Black Ball ferry from Port Angeles WA to Victoria.

The Vancouver Island Roadtrek Community Facebook page is a good place to ask questions of the locals and organizers of the event Barb and Michelle.

Sookecampground.com May 23-May 26

Thank you Teri Rostberg

Glamarama 2024

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 4 Glamarama 2024

Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio June 5-9, 2024 By Don Hatfield

Region 4 hosting a regional rally in conjunction with the FMCA Glamarama June 5 - 9 2024 at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio

All Roadtreks will park together which will include pizza for our group dinner and our pour @ 4 social hour each day.

The Darke County fairgrounds provides a convenient and comfortable rally location with plenty of 30A, 50A and full hook up sites. There will be plenty of activities and carts to help getting to the activities:

- Vendor hall
- Evening Entertainment
- Ice cream social
- Morning coffee
- Etc.

The registration is now open on the FMCA website Login to you account Go FMCA rallies calendar Area rallies Great Lakes Area Rally

After you register with FMCA make sure they know you are with roadtrek group. Then register with myself or Dave Bennett.

Don Hatfield
Rtingopa@gmail.com
513-633-6722

Dave Bennet <u>Geodaveksu67@gmail.com</u> 330-204-8876

R&R Indian Mountain State Park

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 1 R&R Indian Mountain State Park

143 Indian Mt State Park Cir, Jellico, TN 37762 June 20-23, 2024 (3 nights)

By Don & Maria Hatfield

Join us for an R&R get-together at Indian Mountain State Park near Jellico, TN for three (3) nights, June 20-21-22, 2024. We will be departing Sunday, June 23, 2024.

There will be a modest rally fee per Roadtrek, to cover the cost of renting the Picnic Pavilion near our campsites for Friday night June 21. This will ensure we'll have shade during the day and a place to gather for potluck dinners and in case of rain. Here's the plan:

Thursday, June 20

Arrival and meals on your own schedule

Friday, June 21

Picnic Pavilion reserved for our group 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- Gather anytime during the morning, as you wish.
- Bring your own lunch & chat.
- Dinner & Social (We'll start to fire up the grills at about 4 p.m.)
 - Bring your own:
 - Beverages
 - Snacks
 - Meat to grill
 - Dishes & silverware
 - Potluck dish to share

Saturday, June 22

Dinners for Saturday night each site will be responsible their own meal.

Campfire at a campsite - after dinner

Bring your own chairs, beverages, snacks, stories to share

Other possible activities:

- Walking and hiking trails
- Paddle boat, canoe, and kayak rentals
- Games (e.g., ladder-ball, bocce, farkle)

Reserve your campsite at https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/indian-mountain or phone 888-867-2757.

Please confirm your site# to Don Hatfield at RTingOpa@gmail.com (513-633-6722)

Roadtreks at Amans/ FMCA Midwest Rally

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 6 Roadtreks at Amans/ FMCA Midwest Rally

Once again we would like to have Roadtreks park together at the FMCA Midwest Area Rally. The rally will take place July 24 – 27 at Amana, Iowa.

From the FMCA Midwest Registration Form:

Midwest Area Rally • Amana RV Park & Event Center • Amana, Iowa Dinner Arrival: Wednesday, July 24 • Departure: Sunday, July 28.

Registration Includes 4 Nights Camping Rally Highlights: Chapter Fair and Block Parties • Seminars Roundtable Discussions • Evening Entertainment • Movie/Game Nights/ Ice Cream Social • Chili Cook-Off • Coffee & Doughnuts Friendship Room • Ladies' Luncheon • Breakfast & Catered Volunteer Arrival: , Tuesday, July 23, by 4 pm First-Timers Arrival: Tuesday or Wednesday, July 23 or 24, before 2 pm Earliest Arrival Date*: Monday, July 22, 2024 • Additional fee of \$\$35 * EARLY ARRIVAL FEES PAID ON ARRIVAL — CASH ONLY

Rally cost for RV with 2 people: \$325.00

RV with I person: \$295.00

The Amana Colonies are known for their crafts and great food. (Check out the Amana Chamber of Commerce website). Amana is located in eastern lowa just a little north of I-80.

Early arrival date is Monday July 22nd. You may want to join us for these additional days.(Additional fee of \$35 cash per day paid upon arrival). This would give you extra time to explore the colonies and visit with fellow Roadtrekers.

If you plan to attend:

- 1. Resister for the rally with the FMCA Midwest. <u>Be sure to indicate that you wish to park</u> with the Roadtrek group. (Registrations are already being taken.). Think about attending the Ladies' Lunch. It should be fun.
- 2. Email: Dave and Karen McGivern witraveler@gmail.com

Please put Amana 24 in the message line.

Include your name, phone number, city & state, F number, and type of rig. This will enable us to communicate with you and request enough sites to park together.)

**** All rally sites are 50 amp full hookup. An adapter will be needed for 30 amp service. If you have a 50 to 30 amp adapter be sure to bring it. (If needed you may want to check with the Amana RV Park & Event Center. They used to have some available.)

For more information or to register for the Amana Midwest Area Rally, use the form in your magazine, go to FMCA.com or call FMCA at 800-543-3622.

See also FMCA Midwest Facebook page.



Midwest Area Rally • July 24-27, 2024

Amana RV Park & Event Center · Amana, Iowa

Registration Includes 4 Nights Camping

Rally Highlights: Chapter Fair and Block Parties - Seminars Roundtable Discussions * Evening Entertainment * Movie/Game Nights Ice Cream Social - Chili Cook-Off - Coffee & Doughnuts Friendship Room • Ladies' Luncheon • Breakfast & Catered Dinner

Arrival: Wednesday, July 24 - Departure: Sunday, July 28
Volunteer Arrival: , Tuesday, July 23, by 4 pm
First-Timers Arrival: Tuesday or Wednesday, July 23 or 24, before 2 pm Earliest Arrival Date*: Monday, July 22, 2024 - Additional fee of \$35 * EARLY ARRIVAL FEES PAID ON ARRIVAL - CASH ONLY.

Midwest Area Rally Reg	istration Fo	rm	Permane	nt changes to membership	files cannot be mad	de from this form.	
FMCA Member Number: Pilot First	& Last Name:	ast Name:			Co-Pilot First & Last Name		
Address: (if this address differs from your billing address, please call)			City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:		Zip/Postal Code:	
E-mail (required.)			Pilot Cell Phone (required):		Co-Pilot Cell Phone.		
RV Make:			1	RV License: Length of Rt		Length of RV:	
Guest/Child's Name/Age					○ First Time	e at a Midwest Area Rally	
2. Guest/Child's Name/Age					D	isabled Parking? Yes	
Registration Category	Fees	Qty.	Total	Parking Informat	ion		
50-Amp Full-Hookup for 2 People	\$325.00		\$	Parking All Sites – Includes 50-Amp Full-Hookup. 30-Amp service requires an adapter. Disabled Parking – Available for those with qualifying medical nee Passport – General admission to seminars, vendors, entertainmer and food events. (No RV parking on grounds.) Caravans – Chapter and other group caravans wishing to park together should have the caravan leader contact Rich Rehak at (608) 751-1438 with the number of RVs expected and the day of arrival. Notify the parking crew upon arrival if you are a membe of a caravan. Cancellation Policy		-Hookup. 30-Amp service	
RV with 1 Person	-\$30.00		\$				
Additional Guest in RV	+\$30.00		\$			nds.)	
Children 12 & Under	FREE		FREE			contact Rich Rehak	
Passport for 1 Adult	\$80.00		\$				
Ladies' Luncheon – Friday, July 26	\$17.00		\$				
	Amount	t Due	\$	Contact Alice Jacob			
Payment Information				MA. Treasurer. FMCA A \$25.00 cancellation	on fee applies to al	Il cancellations.	
Credit Card Place your credit card registration	Check Make payable in U.S. funds to Mail to: Midwest Area Rally c/o FMCA 8291 Clough Pike • Cincinnati,		ds to FMC, Inc.	Balance of registration fee refunds may be given with Midwes Executive Board approval for cancellations minus the amount committed expenses directly associated with the planned atte		s minus the amount of prior	
online: FMCA.com Or by Phone:			MCA	Pre-Rally Inform	ation and Credential Packets		
(800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622				Pre-rally information will be emailed to all r Packets will be handed out upon arrival.		registrants. Credential	
Would You Like To Be A Volunteer?			Rally Master	VIII.O ASSOCIATION CONTRACTOR	dwest Area President		
Yes, I'd like to volunteer Contact: Bo (515) 681-			Julia Chesnut (515) 577-0075	Jol (71	hn Jacobs 5) 350-1676		
If yes, where would you like to assist?			grankincom.net	juliachesnut@gmail.d	com johnjacobsfmca@gmail.com		

St Augustine R&R

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 5 St Augustine R&R

Anastasia State Park
Saint Augustine, Florida
September 24, 25, and 26, 2024
By Betty Weite

Florida Region 5 will hold a R&R at Anastasia State Park in Saint Augustine Florida for 3 nights, September 24, 25, and 26th. This is a high demand park and about 20+ sites are available in the Coquina section now so book early.

If you are interested in joining us reserve NOW. Gottdiner & Weite have reserved Sites 112 & 115.

Please email me if you reserve a site.

Betty Weite bjweite@aol.com (386) 451-2477

AWESOME AUTUMN XII

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 4 AWESOME AUTUMN XII

ROADTREK RENDEZVOUS TITUSVILLE, PA OCT. 3 - 7, 2024

By Terry Whitesell

Explore northwestern Pennsylvania from Oil Creek Campground, 340 Shreve Road, Titusville, PA 16354; (814) 807-8005; www.oilcreekcampground.com

This private campground is located in Venango County, the heart of the historic area known as the oil heritage region. See why it's called "the valley that changed the world" & "the birthplace of the oil industry."

Check the campground map, & call to reserve your site. A-loop sites are \$39 per nite for water & electric. I have site A10. They have a 4% surcharge on credit card payments, so you may wish to pay by check or cash.

Visit the Drake Well Museum & Park, Oil Creek State Park & Pithole ghost town. Tour the 1870 home of Ida Tarbell, possibly the most famous female investigative journalist in U.S. history.

Drive 16 miles to western PA's premier festival, the Franklin Applefest, being held Oct. 4-6. Visit the amazing DeBence Antique Music World to see & hear nickelodeon, band organs, phonographs & music boxes.

Take a 3-hour ride on the vintage excursion train at Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad. See the plaque to John Heisman & the college football field where he played. (The Railroad is closed on Monday & Tuesday.) Go to www.octrr.org or call (814) 676-1733 for tickets. The fall foliage trips sell out fast.

Bike or hike on many trails, including 30 miles of the Allegheny River Rail Trail. Fish the Allegheny River, or float it in your canoe or kayak.

I'll provide info & maps when I see you at the campground. My cell number is (724) 841-1121

ATTENTION: This is only a Rendezvous! It is NOT an actual rally. No planned activities or meals. No rally fee or registration needed.

Any questions, contact Rendezvous Hostess, Terry Whitesell at (724) 482-4191 or terryw5355@gmail.com

R&R at Paynes Prairie State Park

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 5 R&R at Paynes Prairie State Park

Micanopy Florida

October 22-24, 2024 (3 nights)

By Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner

Region 5 will host a R&R Rally at Paynes Prairie State Park near Gainesville FI for three (3) nights Oct. 22-24-2024. This is a R&R and something we do often so we will plan the same agenda with a BYOB wine & appetizer the first night, group luncheon on your own Wednesday at the Yearling and end Thursday night with a pizza night. Make your reservation **now as** the Florida State Parks are difficult to get into. Right now there is availability. You may reserve by calling 800-326-3521 or online at: https://reserve.floridastateparks.org

Your hosts Betty & Jim Weite & Dave Gottdiner have booked sites #14 & 12. If you plan to go please confirm your site# to Betty & Jim Weite at bjweite@aol.com

Roadtrek Caravan to Yucatan 2025

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 9

Roadtrek Caravanas to Yucatan 2025

Mexica

By Sam & Laura Hutkins

Are you ready for a trip of a lifetime? My wife, Laura, and I completed a 3 month RV camping trip this year driving our Roadtrek in a caravan all the way to Mexico City! We experienced Mexico in a way that we could not by visiting one location, doing it alone or dropping by off a cruise ship. We have been in so many beautiful towns, seen the silver town of Taxco, shopped the mercado in Mazatlan, climbed ancient Aztec pyramids, been in the heart of Mexico City to visit the museum as well as the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, seen gold encrusted altars of many churches, found the source of and tasted many tequilas, ate at some of the best Mexican restaurants in town, and forged lasting relationships with our fellow travelers. Many of those experiences have been enhanced with experienced and interesting local tour guides. This was provided for us through Caravanas de Mexico, the only federally licensed caravan company in Mexico, and the company we will be contracting through for this trip in 2025 (https://mexicocaravans.com/yucatan.html). And we're ready to go again!

We are organizing a 3 month "Roadtrek and Class B Friends Trip" to the Yucatan in January 2025 (dates tbd). That is more than a whole year away to do your planning, plus the price will go up December 31, 2023. That makes NOW the perfect time for you to get onboard. Direct from Caravanas de Mexico's web site for the trip,: "We will explore Mexico's Colonial Interior then head for the Caribbean coast and the Yucatan, exploring both well-known Mayan sites and many that tourists seldom visit, like the remote - impressive ruins at Calakmul, near the Guatemalan border. All your RV parks are covered, plus many meals & tours. We will end the trip with some relaxing beach stays on the west coast. We will cruise on Lake Bacalar, sometimes referred to as the Maldives of the Americas, swim in jungle rivers & sink holes, witness thousands of bats emerge from a cave at sunset and observe strange religious practices in the highlands of Chiapas. We will stay at an orphanage in Chiapas. On our last trip we raised enough money to supply it with an extra fridge and a washing machine." This year the Yucatan Caravan met in Mission, Texas in January (border crossing) and returned via Lukeville, Az in early April. By being only Class B's we will have better access to more campgrounds, so signing up now will assure we are only Roadtreks and Class B's.

This event is cancelled!

Will McLean Music Festival

RALLY REPORT

REGION 5 Will McLean Music Festival

Will McLean Music Festival March 6-10-2024
By Dave Gottdiner

Will McLeran Festival March 2024

This years Will McLeran Festival was very successful. Roadtreks gather on Wednesday and Thursday at 4pm for wine and cheese and other goodies from Roadtreker's followed by campfires and by Roadtreker Blake Traves and Folk singer Jerry Mincey entertain us with folk stories and songs that bring great joy. The Will McLean Foundation is a nonprofit that promotes Florida folk music and gives scholarships to young artists pursuing a career in music.

Roadtrek R&R to See the Total Solar Eclipse

RALLY REPORT

REGION 6 Roadtrek R&R to See the Total Solar Eclipse

Arrowhead Lake Johnston City, IL April 7-8, 2024

By Gil and Nancy Emmert

Eleven Roadtrekkers, including three guests, gathered at the Arrowhead Lake campground in Johnston City, IL on the chance that the weather would cooperate and allow them to see the totality phase of the solar eclipse that was to occur on April 8, 2024. The weather cooperated very nicely; it was sunny with clear skies and temperature in the 70s. It was perfect weather for solar eclipse viewing.

The first "bite" of the eclipse occurred at about 12:45 PM. The eclipse became total at 1:59 PM and lasted slightly over four minutes. The photo shows the eclipse at the end of the total phase and the start of the final partial phase. The photo was taken just slightly after what is called the "diamond ring" effect. The brownish ring surrounding the "diamond" is a lens flare artifact. During totality, the area was quite dark, the birds stopped singing, and it became very quiet and noticeably cooler. The sky was very dark and a planet, probably Jupiter, became visible.

The next solar eclipse in the lower 48 states is not until 2044, so if you missed this one, it is a long wait till the next one.

Gil and Nancy Emmert, Region 6 VPs



Oscar Scherer State Park Meet Up

RALLY REPORT

REGION 5 Oscar Scherer State Park Meet UP

Osprey, Florida April 9-12, 2024 (3 nights) By Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner

Oscar Scherer State Park, Osprey, FL, Rally

17 Roadtreks enjoyed great weather that enabled us to have social hour and Pizza, campfire 2 nights followed by S'mores. Legacy Bike Trail was close by for us to ride. Tram ride with a ranger was on Wednesday. We had raccoons visit every night to see what we had for them to eat. Geek on Tour joined us and shared some tips.

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Dave Gottdiner cell 352-247-6290

REGION 1 NOTES

REGION 1 MID-SOUTHEAST U.S.

Membership: 75

Includes the states of AL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, & VA.

VPs:

Woodie and Beth McCormack 1001 Sam Gibbs Road, Union Grove, AL 35175-8883, (256) 586-6830, vett67@ymail.com

Aldo & Kathy Calvi 3155 Seven Pines Court Unit #201, Atlanta, GA 30339-9997, (706) 399-7190, aldocalvi@yahoo.com

Mary Scott 503 Ragan Rd, Oriental, NC 28571-9649 (423) 335-3403, <u>jimscott20@yahoo.com</u>

REGION 2 NOTES

REGION 2 NORTHEAST U.S.

Membership: 39

Includes the states of CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, & VT.

VPs:

Roland E. Lussier

121 Prospect Street, Manville, RI 02838

(401) 651-2205, roland.lussier@verizon.net

REGION 3 NOTES

REGION 3 EASTERN CANADA

Membership: 23

Includes the provinces of NB, NL, NS, ON, PE & QC.

VP: POSITION IS VACANT

Note from Chris Oberhoffer:

LIKE MUSIC? If you are so inclined to love history and music culture look at a 5 1/2-page article "There's Music in the Air" in the Nov. Family Rving Magazine "Mountain State Magic" Pages 62-67. It is written by Josephine Matyas our former Region 3 VP. There are many pictures and descriptions of places to go and enjoy Region 3.

Attention all Canadians in REGION 3

Josephine has been our VP for region 3. Recently she had to step back from her position because of a family medical issue where she has additional responsibilities in the caregiver department. Is there any one in Region 3 that would like to help with this position. It doesn't require a lot of your time but does help to have someone who can communicate with members in your region on activities and gatherings that members may be planning. This year we finally have some open communication with our Roadtrek Manufacturer and it is Roadtreks 50th anniversary manufacturing Roadtreks! Region 3 is a vital link to them. Maybe you could help. I am only a 21-hour drive from the Roadtrek headquarters so a little help from a few VP's would be helpful. Josephine is willing to be your advisor.

Chris Oberhoffer e-mail: ober21c@yahoo.com

REGION 4 NOTES

REGION 4 CENTRAL EASTERN U.S.

Membership: 62

Includes the states of DE, DC, IN, MD, NJ, OH, PA, & WV.

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On May 14 - 17 we are having our annual chapter rally. An amendment to allow past owners of Roadtreks to continue as members of Roadtrek International has been proposed to allow a new Alumni membership. I don't know the wording of this amendment to our bylaws, nor what the requirement will be to qualify as an Alumni nor what benefits will be given. But I'm in favor of this amendment to our bylaws.

On August 13 - 15 Roadtrek Corporate will be sponsoring a rally in Canada to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their manufacturing of the Roadtrek RV's. They will be setting up a website for rally registration. I encourage you to attend this momentous event at Guelph Lake, Ontario Canada.

The Chapter Rally on May 15 - 17 is the next big event on the RTI calendar I'm hoping for a good turnout and a well run meeting with Roadtrek family and friends at the Mosey INTO Muskogee Rally.

Next for Region 4 is the GLAMARAMA 2024 registration From: FMCA | Great Lakes Area <arearallies@fmca.com> Date: Wed June 5-9, 2024.

Region 4 hosting a regional rally in conjunction with the FMCA Glamarama June 5 - 9 2024 at the Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio. Contact me, Dave Bennett geodaveksu67@gmail.com 330-204-8876 if you're planning to attend. So far seven rigs and eleven people have signed up: Julie & I; Ronda Deel; Connie Epp; Robert & Darlene Jones; Doyle & Marianne Kershaw; John & Sharon McCarragher and Mickey & Mary Meyers.

On June 20-22, 2024 Don & Maria Hatfield are sponsoring an R&R at Indian Mountain State Park near Jellico, TN. So far seven RV's have signed up and three have expressed interest. See the Event Description for details.

Look for Terry Whitesell's Awesome Autumn XII announcement in this newsletter.

Happy trails to you, until we meet again, Dave Bennett, Region 4 VP

REGION 5 NOTES

REGION 5 FLORIDA

Membership: 54

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Remember EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY SOME ARE JUST BETTER THAN OTHERS.

St Augustine State Park Meet UP Sept 24-27

Paynes Prairie State Park Meet Up Oct 22-24

Thanks to the many Roadtrek members that have volunteered to organize rallies in our region, however, we still need more volunteers to help with rallies. Please email Dave at dag7196@gmail.com or call 352-247-6290 and say that you want to Volunteer. We will work with you to make sure you have lots of support.

REGION 6 NOTES

REGION 6 NORTH CENTRAL U.S.

Membership: 55

Includes the states of IL, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD & WI.

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For most of us in the northern regions spring is coming and it is time to start signing up for the rallies we want to attend.

Our **2024 Chapter Rally** will take place May 13-15 followed shortly thereafter by the FMCA INTO Rally May 17-20 (both at Muskogee, Oklahoma.) This is a great way to take in two rallies on one trip! (See details in this newsletter and on the FMCA site.) Check to see if they still have openings!

If you are looking for a chance to socialize with fellow Roadtrekers in Region 6, we will be camping together at the <u>FMCA Midwest Area Rally July 24 – 27 at Amana. Iowa.</u> They are currently accepting reservations. (Be sure to indicate that you wish to park with the Roadtreks.) Amana is located in eastern lowa just a little north of I-80.

Early arrival date is Monday July 22 (additional \$35 cash). Coming in early would allow more time to explore the Amana communities, famous for their crafts and food. We hope you will join us. See information in the "Rallies Section" of this newsletter.

Some of you joined Gill and Nancy Emmert in April. at Arrowhead Lake, Johnston City, IL to view the total solar eclipse. We would like to see more Roadtrek rallies in our region. If you have an idea for a rally, contact your VP's. We are here to help. Your rally can feature a special place or event such as a festival - or it can be a relaxing few days to share the company of fellow Roadtrekers. Rallies are not only an enjoyable experience but a great way to learn more about your RT.

Hope to see you at a rally. Karen and Dave McGivern

REGION 7 NOTES

REGION 7 SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.

Membership: 35

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Region 7 is hosting the Roadtrek Chapter Rally in 2024 May 14-17, 2024, just prior to the INTO (International) Area Rally which is May 17-21 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. More information elsewhere in this newsletter. Please plan to attend both rallies.

We are always looking for new places to go and help planning rallies at those places. If you have a location in mind for a rally or R&R, contact the region VP's and we will facilitate getting it going. We need ideas and volunteers to help plan. Please volunteer! Your region VP's are experienced at rally planning and executing them but need you to help find a location and help to plan activities.

We need a fun place for a fall rally. Help us find and plan one.

Our Region 7 VP's have taken on other duties. We are all staying on as Region 7 VP's, for now. However, if someone in Region 7 would like to step up and volunteer to be VP, please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Ronda Deel at rondadeel@gmail.com

There have been some fun rallies in Region7 in the past. Go to http://region7rally.org/ and check out the pictures and stories of some of those rallies.

REGION 8 NOTES

REGION 8 NW US; WESTERN CANADA & ALASKA.

Membership: 38

Includes AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY & the provinces of AB, BC,

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The third annual meetup on Vancouver Island has 22 people signed up as of April. Make your reservations at Sookecampground.com for May 23-May 26. Their phone number can be found on the website as well. Tell them you are with the Roadtrek group. For more information look on the Vancouver Island Roadtrek Community facebook page. Last year we had a nightly hot dog roast around the campfire. Barb may also be available for Pickleball lessons. The campground does have cabins if you want to come without taking your Roadtrek on the ferry but join in the fun.

See you there!

Teri Rostberg

REGION 9 NOTES

REGION 9 SOUTHWEST U.S.

Membership: 105

Includes the states of AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM & UT.

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Roadtrek Caravan to Yucatan 2025!

We have been Roadtrek members since we purchased our 2000 Roadtrek 190V in 2002. I recall hearing rallies being announced that were to take our Roadtreks on the train to Copper Canyon in Mexico and a rally somewhere in Washington or maybe Victoria to take a cruise to Alaska. Since we were working full time and had young children at home, we were not able to join in those wonderful adventures.

In that vein, though, we thought a Roadtrek caravan to Yucatan would not be too great a challenge. What do you think? Do you want to accept the invitation to join us and fellow Roadtrekkers for a three-month tour led by Caravanas de Mexico? Unlike the Gilligan's Island "three-hour tour", we are definitely planning on where to be, what sites to see and people to meet, where the fantastic food is, and what great campgrounds to stay at. We have gone on a Mexico City trip with Caravanas de Mexico before and it was wonderful. We are already excited in anticipation of this trip, and it is more than a year away!

This event is cancelled!

Roadtrek/FMCA Rally Calendar 2024					
Rally Dates	Region	Rally Location	Rally Name	Rally Leader	
May 14-17	Region 7	Muskogee, Oklahoma	Roadtrek Chapter Rally	Phyllis Slaughter	
May 23-26	Region 8	British Columbia, Canada	Sooke Vancouver Island Meet Up	Teri Rostberg	
June 5-9	Region 4 /FMCA	Greenville, Ohio	Glamarama 2024	Don Hatfield & Dave Bennet	
June 20-23	Region 1	Jellico, Tennessee	R&R Indian Mountain State Park	Don & Maria Hatfield	
July 24-27	Region 6/ FMCA	Amana Iowa	Roadtreks at Amans/ FMCA Midwest Rally	Dave and Karen McGivern	
August 13-15	Roadtrek corporate	Near Ontario, Canada	50th Anniversary	Chris Oberhoffer	
September 24- 26	Region 5	Saint Augustine, Florida	St Augustine R&R	Betty Weite	
October 3-7	Region 4	Titusville, Pennsylvania	AWESOME AUTUMN XII	Terry Whitesell	
October 22-24	Region 5	Micanopy, Florida	R&R at Paynes Prairie State Park	Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner	
January to March, 2025	Region 9	Mexico	Roadtrek Caravan to Yucatan 2025	This event is cancelled	
May 17-21	FMCA	Muskogee Oklahoma	International Area Rally	FMCA	
June 5-9	FMCA	Greenville Ohio	Great Lates Area Rally	FMCA	
July 10-13	FMCA	Frankfort New York	Northeast Area Rally	FMCA	
July 24-27	FMCA	Amana Iowa	Midwest Area Rally	FMCA	
August 14-17	FMCA	Redmond Oregon	109th International Convention & RV Expo	FMCA	
September 18- 21	FMCA	Shawnee Oklahoma	South Central Area Rally	FMCA	
October 23-27	FMCA	Fletcher North Carolina	Eastern Area Rally	FMCA	
October 23-27	FMCA	Farmington, New Mexico	Rocky Mountain Area Rally	FMCA	

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If you learn of the death of a Roadtrek Chapter member, please contact the Editor or Chapter Secretary. We never like to receive this news, but neither do we want to ignore the loss of a member. Roadtrek News is published six times per year for members of Roadtrek International, a Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association.

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ROADTREK REGISTRATION FORM

Rally Name:	Rally Date:		
Number of persons attending:	Rally fee enclosed: \$		
Last name	First name		
2 nd attending last name	_ First name		
3 rd attending last name			
Street			
CityState/Province	ZIP/PC		
Home Phone Cell Ph	one		
Email	Check#		
Roadtrek model & year	License #		
FMCA #			
Is this your first Roadtrek Rally? Yes No Do you have Chapter badges? Yes Are you bringing pets? Yes No			
Comments / Special needs			

Roadtrek International Chapter, FMCA

CANDIDATE CONSENT FORM

I/We	(and)	do agree to allow my/our name(s)			
to be placed in n	omination for the position of _				
In accordance wi	th the Roadtrek International	Chapter Bylaws. I/We agree that I/we			
nave read the published job description for this position (if one is available) and, if					
elected or appointed <i>(circle one)</i> , will fulfill the duties of the position to the best of					
my/our abilities d	uring the term of office from _	until			
Signature 1		date signed			
Signature 2		date signed			
FMCA #					
of the Nominating	g Committee by mail or e-mai	ent Form and return it to the Chairperson I (after scanning the signed form) at one articipating in our Chapter elections.			
Sincerely,					

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Company/Entity Name: Chubb A&H
Contract Number: 16512020

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