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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 2024 year is in full force and you have just enough time to get registered for our 2024 Roadtrek International Chapter Rally in Muskogee, Oklahoma (May 14-17). It is a pre rally just before FMCA's International Area rally, May 17-21. Wow, rallies in a row at Hatbox Event Center in Muskogee.

This year is the **50**th year of manufacturing ROADTREKS. I just received an e-mail from the Roadtrek divisions marketing manager: **SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 13-15 FOR A 50**th **Anniversary Event in Canada.** Get your passports updated and watch the newsletters, cyberrally, and special e-mails for more details for participating with all Roadtreks Young and Old.

This newsletter was posted the 1st of March. The next 3 activities on our calendar are in March: which are 2 Roadtrek gatherings in Florida and the FMCA 108th Convention in Tucson, Arizona. If you have not called or e-mailed me for reserve parking in Tucson and have not received an e-mail from me with the attendees list, please contact me and I will try to get you in the same parking lot as the rest of the Roadtreks. Many of our rallies fill up fast, if you are interested act now. Please check the following pages for details on upcoming rallies in our 9 regions and our calendar page. Your FamilyRVing magazine or the FMCA website give information for area rallies and the 109th convention scheduled in Redmond, Oregon this year. As an FMCA member you are able to attend any FMCA rally and as a Roadtrek International Chapter member you may register for any rally, gathering, or meet up that Roadtrek members have organized and put on the calendar. You can even organize a rally in your "neck of the woods".

Interesting Note:

Your <u>February</u> 2024 FMCA familyRVing magazine has registration info for the FMCA "mosey INTO Muskogee" (Page 73), also take a look at (page 77)! There is a picture of a bunch of us at our last chapter meeting and our 30th Anniversary Party.

Chris Oberhoffer, Roadtrek International President

<u>SAVE THE DATES</u> 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!



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.

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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 also hope to do something special to celebrate 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 (electricity and water), 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.

Please register for both rallies by April 1st. We cannot guarantee a full hook up site or the same site for both rallies after April 1st.

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 | Stat | e | Zip |
| Email | | Phone (cell preferred) | | F# | |
| Guest Name(s) | | | | | |
| RV Type | (Class A | . B, C. Fifth Wheel, Trailer, 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 | | 1/2 |
| Ladies Tea | \$15 | | |
| | | 7074 | |

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

PAYMENT INFORMATION Mail completed form with check made out to:

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



Will McLean Music Festival

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 5 Will McLean Music Festival

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

If you like Folk Music, you can join us at the Will McLean Music Festival, March 8-10-2024 at, Florida Sand Music Ranch, formerly known as Sertoma Youth Ranch, Brooksville, FL. Early bird ticket sales open in January. Camping fees will be paid at the gate. \$30.00 per night.

Go to the web site **Will McLean Foundation** to learn all you need to know about the festival. Please order tickets online before 2/29 to get the discount price \$65.00 at the gate price is \$70.00 The campground has Water, Electric, Dump & Showers. **We will meet at the campground on Wednesday, March 6th to make sure we get a site close together.** The camping is first come you cannot reserve a site before you come to the festival. The entertainers camp with us and they jam days before the festival. Location for the Social hour 4-6pm Wednesday and Thursday with snacks will be determined when I secure a site. Please email me at dag7196@gmail.com with your email, cell number so I can plan the social hour and let the volunteers know how many Roadtreks are coming to help us park together. **Credit cards are accepted for camping and registration.**

Roadtrek Gathering World Equestrian Center EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 5 Roadtrek Gathering World Equestrian Center

1750 NE 80th Ave

Ocala, FL 34482

March 28-29,2024

By Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner

The World Equestrian Center is a good place to watch jumpers at no cost and parking is free. They have 4 indoor arenas. An outdoor arena with covered stands. Last year most of the group watched the jumpers at the outdoor arena.

You may want to bring your own water and snacks. Nice restaurants on site.

Go to the **World Equestrian Center web** site to learn more.

The Weite's and I have made reservations for March 28 -29th, 2024 at Ocala North RV Resort. Phone 352-591-1723. We would like other Roadtreks and friends to join us. Betty, Jim Weite are in site 123, Dave Gottdiner site 124

We will meet at the Miss Tilly's Lollipops ice cream store that is located on the left side as you enter the Equestrian Center. Or we will be watching the jumpers at the outdoor stands, 3PM, if you can't make it we will see you at my camp site for social hour around 5pm

Add to your visit you can enjoy the Ocala Beer Fest Saturday, March 30th. It's an awesome event with over 30 brewers -\$50 bucks gets you in to taste test.

Roadtrek members

Reese and Shan Bourgeois are on the

board of one of the charities the Beer Fest supports - Kimberly Center.

Please email me at dag7196@gmail with name cell # and site #

Dave Gottdiner

Roadtrek R&R to See the Total Solar Eclipse

EVENT DESCRIPTION

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

A total solar eclipse will occur April 8, 2024 in the United States. The path of totality goes from Texas to Maine. We have booked a campsite at Arrowhead Lake in Johnston City, IL to watch it, weather permitting. At that location, the totality should last just over 4 minutes. Johnston City is a small town in southern Illinois, about 60 miles north of Paducah, KY.

We invite other Roadtrekkers to join us and make it a Roadtrek R&R. You will need to book your own campsite; to do that call Johnston City Hall (telephone: (618) 983-6651) and ask for Jade West, she is the city clerk. Tell her you want to reserve a campsite at Arrowhead Lake during the solar eclipse; she will explain the process and get you started. (The computer system at the campground office can't handle reservations that far in advance, so the reservations are being handled by the city hall).

We are in site F2. As of a week ago they had 16 sites available. RV sites are \$50 per night with no discounts. All sites have 30 and 50 amp electricity and water. The campground has a dump station, laundry, and showers. The campground website is http://arrowheadlakecampground.com/

To watch the eclipse you will need ISO certified eclipse glasses. You can get them online. One possible source is

https://eclipse2024.org/eclipse-cities/city/12581.html?lang=en

Gil and Nancy Emmert Madison, WI Region 6 VPs

Oscar Scherer State Park Meet Up

EVENT DESCRIPTION

REGION 5 Oscar Scherer State Park Meet UP

Osprey, Florida April 9-12, 2024 (3 nights)

By Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner

Florida Region 5 will host a "Meet Up" April 9th through the 12th 2024 (3nights) at Oscar Scherer State Park in Osprey Fl between Sarasota and Venice. Much to see and do in this area and bike the Legacy Trail. Great Sandy Bleaches

Dave Gottdiner & Betty & Jim Weite have reserved sites 76 and 77 in the D section. As you know there is very limited availability, so we suggest if you are interested that you **book a site now**.

Please email **Dave Gottdiner at dag7196.@gmail** after you register with your name, site number and cell number. Potluck first night and pizza second night.

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)

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.

Got your attention? You probably have many questions like:

- This is a year and more away. It is for 3 months! I do not know what I will be doing then.
 Maybe I will have conflicts, bills, health issues, or my Roadtrek will need repairs. How can I make this commitment now?
- Why register now and not wait until, say, late 2024?
- Is this a Roadtrek-only trip? Why? What about those big rigs and Class A's?
- Is it safe? (Boy, have we heard that question over and over again, including from our children.)
- What if I break down on the road in Mexico?
- Is it safe? (Didn't we already cover that question?)
- How much does gas cost in Mexico?

- Can I drink the water?
- Are all the meals rice and beans, and are the foods too spicy?
- How much does it cost?
- Can I get a refund if we find we cannot go?

In August I will have a ZOOM meeting for anyone interested. We can cover these questions and more. Not sure about it yet? Come join the ZOOM meeting anyway. Have questions that will not wait? You can contact us at our email sam.hutkins@gmail.com.

To participate in the ZOOM meeting, please email us with the SUBJECT: "Yucatan ZOOM meeting", and feel free to add a question others might have, also.

Trip dates: Jan-April 2025 (tbd)

Price: \$13,850 USD based on 2 people per vehicle (changes 12/31/23)

\$750 USD deposit now

Canadian dollars based on the exchange rate.

Special note: If we do not get 12 Roadtreks or Class B's signed on by June 2024, Caravanas will have to open this up to larger vehicles. So, now is the time to get our gathering moving! This is not an RTI-only rally. If we do not get all 12 slots filled by Roadtreks and Class-B's, then they will open the trip up to other sized vehicles.

Come join the caravan!

Sam and Laura Hutkins 2000 Roadtrek D190V Vacaville, CA

sam.hutkins@gmail.com





Laura making friends and drinking tequila in Alamos
Sam feeding his face with an open face shrimp taco (everywhere)

REGION 1 NOTES

REGION 1 MID-SOUTHEAST U.S.

Membership: 83

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

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REGION 2 NOTES

REGION 2 NORTHEAST U.S.

Membership: 47

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

VPs:

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REGION 3 NOTES

REGION 3 EASTERN CANADA

Membership: 25

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: 72

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

VP:

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Donald & Marie Hatfield 4751 Fox Run PL., Lebanon, OH 45036 (513)633-6722, rtingopa@gmail.com

Sad news to report. Bob Kroah has died at the age of 84. Many of you will remember him as the Region 4 Vice President. He and Carol along with Jimmy were rally masters for many memorable rallies held in Region 4. Most memorable are the rallies held at Evergreen RV Park in the heart of Amish Country.

Why I bought a Roadterk? It is because of people like Bob and Carol Kroah. When shopping for my first reg, we would talk to any Class B I met on the road at rest areas and campgrounds. Almost universal we found the owners of Roadtreks very will to talk and show us their rigs and the owners of other Class B RV's not so willing. Now we owe our second Roadtrek.

First a trip to Tucson for FMCA's Fiesta Del Sol, March 20-23. Our plan is to go via the Natchez Trace Parkway (NTP) from the Parthenon in Nashville, TN using SR 100 to connect to NTP and then to Natchez, MS.

Thanks to Terry Whitesell's research we will watch the Total Solar Eclipse near Girard, PA April 7-8, 2024, my fifth eclipse. Today there are 6 Roadtrekers signed up. Terry Whhitesell is the contact (terryw5355@gmail.com 1 (724) 482-4191.

Roadterk International will be having the Chapter Rally May 14-17 before the Mosey INTO Muskoogee rally May 17-21, 2024. Bob Weithofer is the contact person: (bobww.fmca@gmail.com or call (615) 218 7530. I'm hoping for a good turnout.

GLAMARAMA 2024 registration From: **FMCA | Great Lakes Area** arearallies@fmca.com Date: Wed June 5-9, 2024.

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

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.

The big event in the works is coming from Roadtrek Inc. The 50th anniversary. No details yet, but we are waiting for the announcement.

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

REGION 5 NOTES

REGION 5 FLORIDA

Membership: 69

VPs:

Dave Gottdiner

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

Will McLean Music Festival will be March 8-10-2024

World Equestrian Center, come join us next year in March 28 and 29, 2024 for this fabulous event

Oscar Scherer State Park Meet UP April 9 -12

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: 66

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

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For most of us in the northern regions our Roadtreks are still packed away, but spring is coming and it is time to start signing up for the rallies we want to attend.

For those who may be in the Southwest in March, you might want to attend the FMCA Spring Convention March 20-23 in Tucson, AZ. (See details in the FMCA magazine or on their web site.)

Join Gill and Nancy Emmert around April 8th. at Arrowhead Lake, Johnston City, IL to view the total solar eclipse. (Details in this newsletter)

Our 2024 Chapter Rally will take place May 14-17 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.)

Mark your calendar. Plan to attend the FMCA Midwest Rally July 24-27 in Amana, lowa. (Registration through the FMCA Site) We are planning to have a Roadtrek group at that rally. Watch our web site and future newsletters for details. Also check the Roadtrek web site and the newsletters for other rallies scheduled for 2024.

We would like to see more Roadtrek rallies in our region. You have probably noticed, campground reservations are filling earlier than in the past. If you have an idea for a 2024 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. We need members to step forward if we are to have rallies. Safe travels and see you at a rally or somewhere down the road.

Karen and Dave McGivern

Region 6 VPs Karen and Dave McGivern Gil and Nancy Emmert

REGION 7 NOTES

REGION 7 SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.

Membership: 38

Includes the states of AR, KS, LA, MO, OK & TX.

VPs:

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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: 46

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

MB, NT, NU, SK, & YK.

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The next event in Region 8 will be on Vancouver Island 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

REGION 9 NOTES

REGION 9 SOUTHWEST U.S.

Membership: 120

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

VPs:

A VP POSITION IS VACANT

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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!

The Mexico part of the planning is being taken care of. In the past week, however, two different people have said they hesitate about going because they don't think they could be away for three months. "He who hesitates is lost," but not in this situation. Everything, as I said before, is pretty much planned, including time to rest, relax, or explore. As for us and our home, we turn off the mail and newspaper deliveries, turn on a timed light, and schedule the regular monthly bills to be auto paid by the bank, including the credit cards. Our neighbors keep a restful eye on the property, and our children periodically "drop by" for a vacation at the grandparents' house, minus the grandparents. When we are gone, we do not worry about the house.

So, are you up for the trip of a lifetime? Come with us. Join the Roadtrek Caravan to Yucatan!

Sam and Laura Hutkins. sam.hutkins@gmail.com Subject: I am interested in Yucatan







| Roadtrek/FMCA Rally Calendar 2024 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Rally | Region | Rally Location | Rally Name | Rally Leader |
| March 6-10 | Region 5 | Brooksville, Florida | Will McLean Music Festival | Dave Gottdiner |
| March 28-29 | Region 5 | Ocala, Florida | Roadtrek Gathering World Equestrian Center | Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner |
| April 7-8 | Region 6 | Johnston city, Ilinois | Roadtrek R&R to See the Total Solar Eclipse | Gil and Nancy Emmert |
| April 9-12 | Region 5 | Osprey, Florida | Oscar Scherer State Park Meet UP | Betty & Jim Weite and Dave Gottdiner |
| 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 |
| August 14-17 | 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 | - | | Roadtrek Caravan to | Sam & Laura |
| March, 2025 | Region 9 | Mexico | Yucatan 2025 | Hutkins |
| March 20-23 | FMCA | Tucson Arizona | 108th International Convention & RV Expo | FMCA |
| 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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In Memory Of

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.

Bob Kroah passed away Friday Feb.9th 2024

Bob and Carol were long time VP's for our chapter. They and son Jimmy traveled to rallies all over the country in their 210 Pop. Cyberally has an address for members to send condolences.

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If you have a Roadtrek for sale email webadmin@roadtrekchapter.org. Your ad will be displayed on the website which will be viewed by RTI Members and non RTI members.

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Joyce "Skip" Marie Rosemark Swannack Gibbs - Ojai, CA

Roadtrek Event Registration Form **
**Register with form below or print the online version found at http://www.roadtrekchapter.org/uploads/Regional-Rally-Registration-Form.pdf and send to Rally Leader with required fees or online at www.fmca.com

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 (PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS DESIRED | First name O ON NAME BADGE) |
| Street | |
| | ProvinceZIP/PC |
| Home Phone | _ Cell Phone |
| Email | Check# |
| Roadtrek model & year | License # |
| FMCA # | |
| Is this your first Roadtrek Rally? You Do you have Chapter badges? Are you bringing pets? Yes 1 Comments / Special needs | _ Yes No |
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CANDIDATE CONSENT FORM

| I/We | (and) | do agree to allow my/our name(s) |
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| to be placed in no | omination for the position | of |
| In accordance wi | th the Roadtrek Internatio | nal Chapter Bylaws. I/We agree that I/we |
| have read the pu | blished job description for | this position (if one is available) and, if |
| elected or appoin | ited (circle one), will fulfill | the duties of the position to the best of |
| my/our abilities d | uring the term of office fro | m |
| Signature 1 | | date signed |
| Signature 2 | | date signed |
| FMCA # | | |
| of the Nominating of the addresses | g Committee by mail or e- | onsent Form and return it to the Chairperson mail (after scanning the signed form) at one or participating in our Chapter elections. |
| Sincerely, | | |
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Ronda Deel Chairperson, RTI Nominating Committee 3292 Nash Ave Cincinnati, OH 45226



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- Return Home
- Return of Mortal Remains

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- · Pet Return
- · Prescription Medication and Glasses Replacement

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- · Mitigation tips and consulate contacts
- · News and real-time security alerts
- · General travel information

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Access the portal:

Go to the URL listed below to access Europ Assistance's portal and click on the "Sign Up Now" link in the gray Log In box. Use your Company/Entity Name and Contract Number to fill out the registration information.

Once registered, an automated e-mail will be sent to confirm your registration. Follow the link in this email to complete your registration. You can now access the Europ Assistance portal site at any time using your new login and password.

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URL: www.ChubbTravelAssistance.com
Company/Entity Name: Chubb A&H
Contract Number: 16512020

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Plan Number: 01AH585 Organization: FMCA Policy Number: 0908-76-26

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